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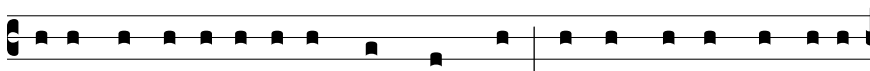
*N:* The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John.



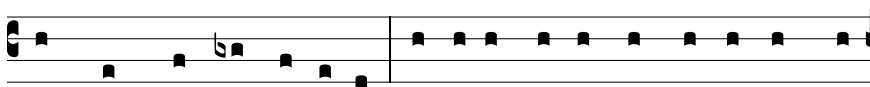
Je-sus went out with his dis-ciples across the Kidron valley to where



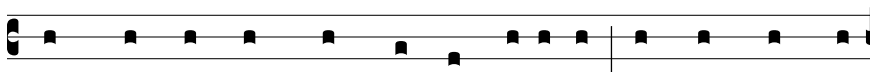
there was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ci-ples entered.



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



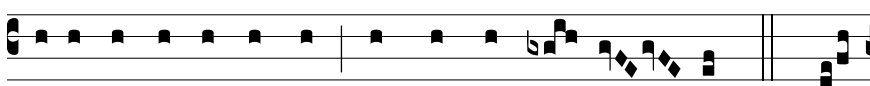
met there with his dis-ciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and



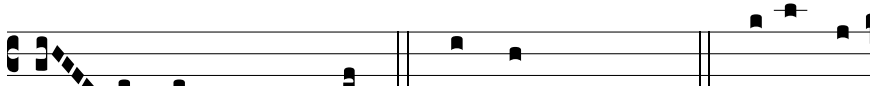
guards from the chief priests and the Phari-sees and went there with



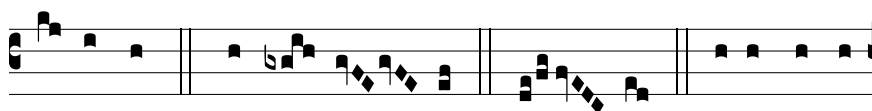
lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was



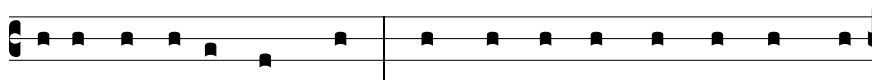
going to happen to him, went out and said to them, *J:* "Whom



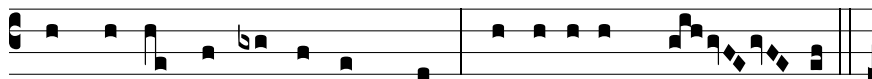
are you looking for?" *N:* They answered him, *Cr:* "Jesus the



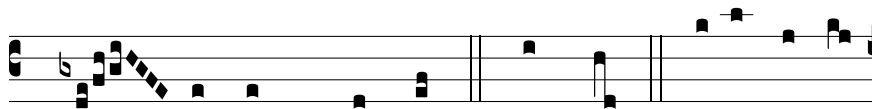
Na-zorean." N: He said to them, J: "I AM." N: Judas his be-



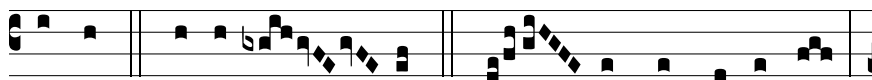
trayer was al-so with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they



turned a-way and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,



J: "Whom are you looking for?" N: They said, Cr: "Jesus the Na-



zorean." N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "I told you that I AM.



So if you are looking for me, let these men go." N: This was to



fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost an-y of those you gave



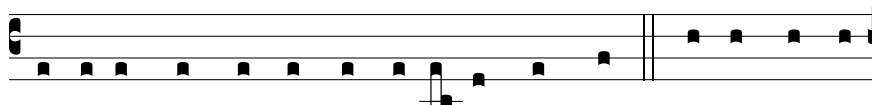
me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high



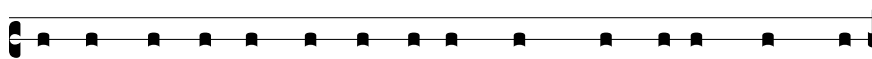
priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal-chus.



Je-sus said to Peter, J: "Put your sword in-to its scabbard.



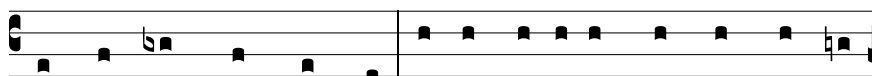
Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" N: So the band of



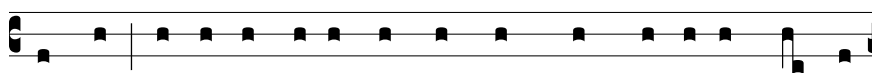
soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him,



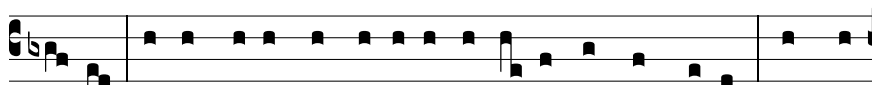
and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Cai-aphas,



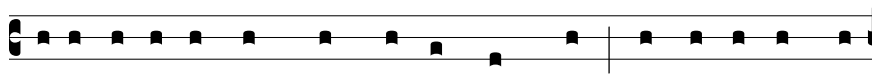
who was high priest that year. It was Cai-aphas who had counseled



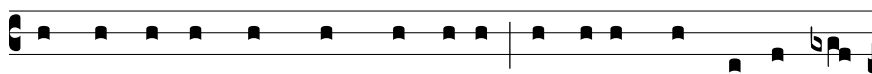
the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the



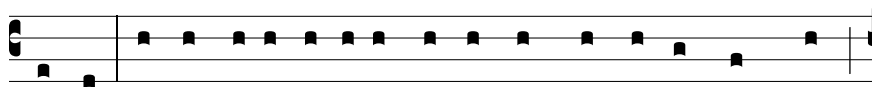
people. Simon Peter and another dis-ci-ple followed Jesus. Now the



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



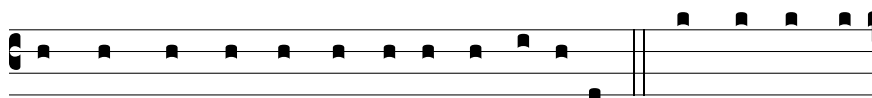
courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate



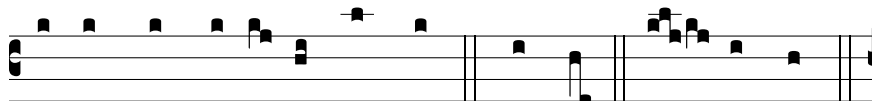
outside. So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high priest,



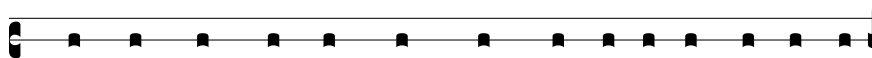
went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Pe-ter in. Then



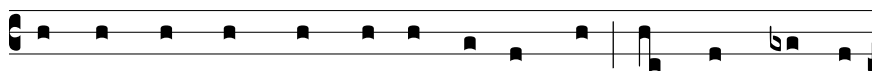
the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, S: "You are not one



of this man's dis-ci-ples, are you?" N: He said, S: "I am not."



N: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal



fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming



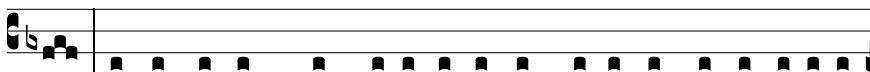
themselves. Peter was al-so standing there keeping warm. The high



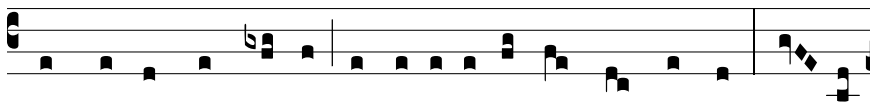
priest questioned Je-sus about his dis-ciples and a-bout his doctrine.



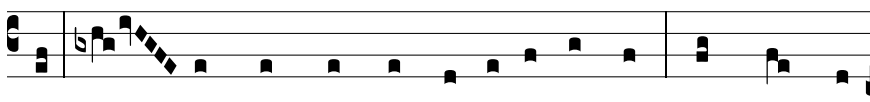
Je-sus an- swered him, J: "I have spoken public-ly to the



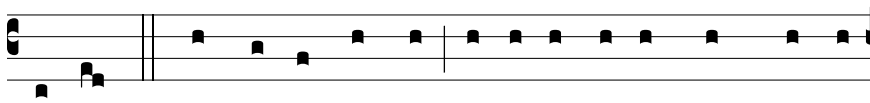
world. I have always taught in a syn-agogue or in the temple ar-e a



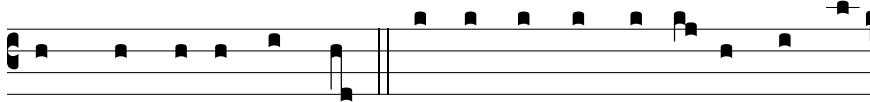
where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask



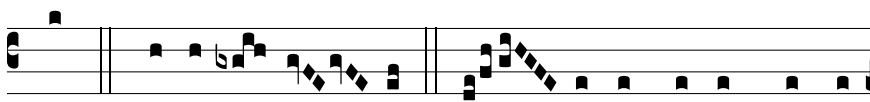
me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what



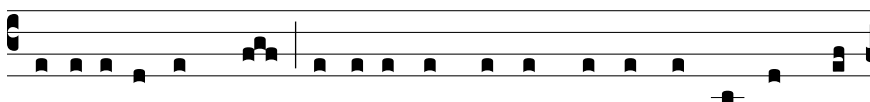
I said." *N*: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing



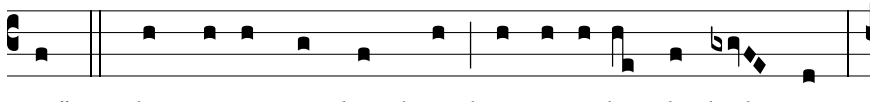
there struck Je-sus and said, *S*: "Is this the way you answer the high



priest?" *N*: Je-sus answered him, *J*: "If I have spoken wrongly,



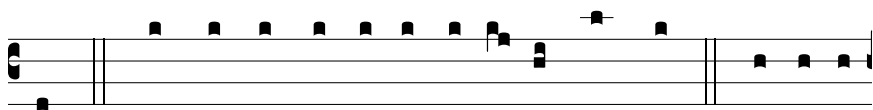
tes-ti-fy to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike



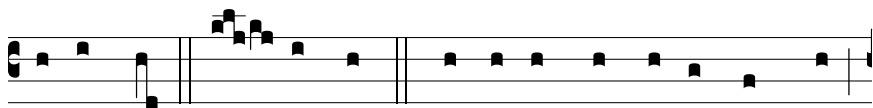
me?" *N*: Then Annas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest.



Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to



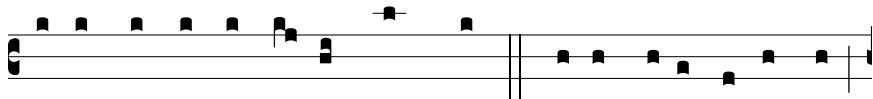
him, Cr: "You are not one of his dis-ci-ples, are you?" N: He denied



it and said, S: "I am not." N: One of the slaves of the high priest,



a rel-a-tive of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, S: "Didn't



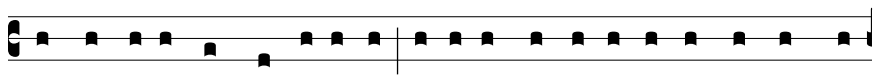
I see you in the garden with him?" N: Again Peter denied it.



And immedi-ate-ly the cock crowed. Then they brought Je-sus from



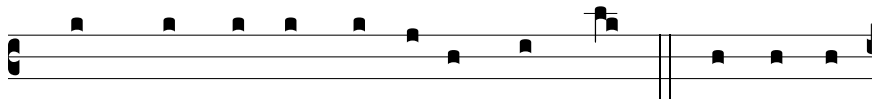
Cai-aphas to the praetor-i-um. It was morn-ing. And they themselves



did not enter the praetor-i-um, in order not to be defiled so that they



could eat the Pass-o-ver. So Pilate came out to them and said,



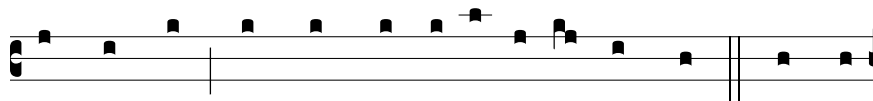
S: "What charge do you bring against this man?" N: They answered



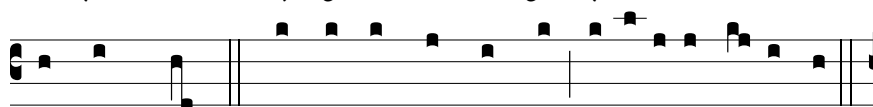
and said to him, *Cr*: "If he were not a criminal, we would not have



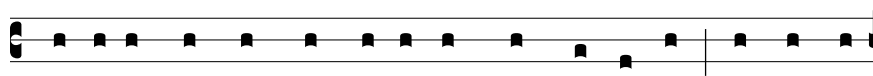
handed him over to you." *N*: At this, Pilate said to them, *S*: "Take



him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." *N*: The Jews



answered him, *Cr*: "We do not have the right to execute anyone,"



*N*: in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said



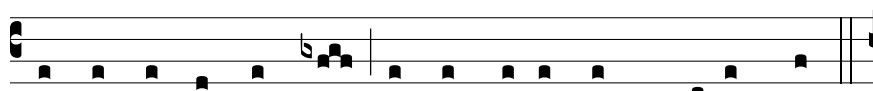
indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back



into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, *S*: "Are



you the King of the Jews?" *N*: Jesus answered, *J*: "Do

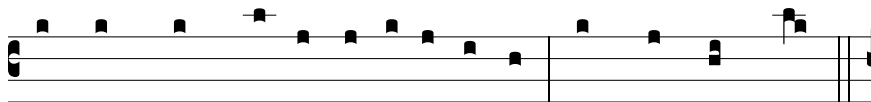


you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"





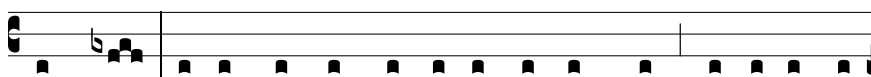
N: Pilate answered, S: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and



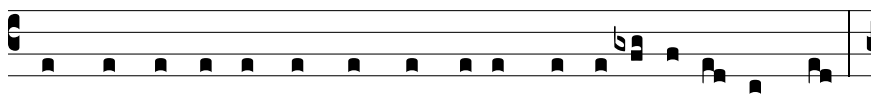
the chief priests handed you o-ver to me. What have you done?"



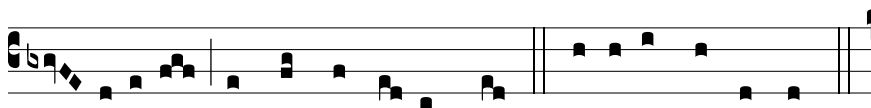
N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "My kingdom does not belong to



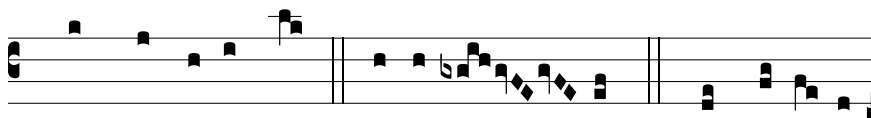
this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants



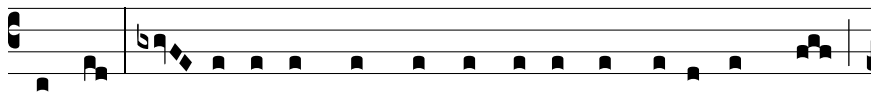
would be fighting to keep me from being handed o-ver to the Jews.



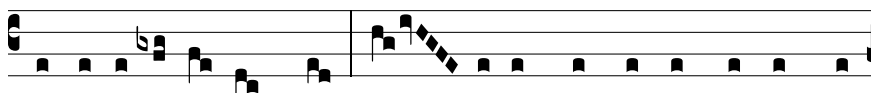
But as it is, my kingdom is not here." N: So Pilate said to him,



S: "Then you are a king?" N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "You say I am



a king. For this I was born and for this I came in-to the world,



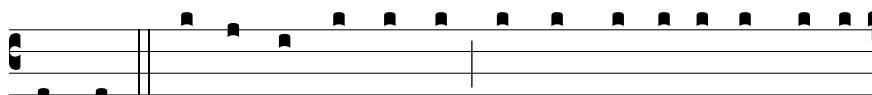
to tes-ti- fy to the truth. Eve- ryone who belongs to the truth



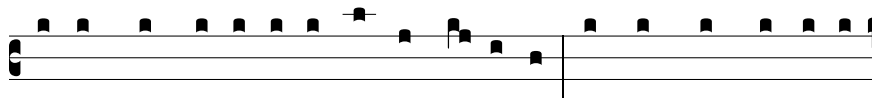
listens to my voice." N: Pilate said to him, S: "What is truth?"



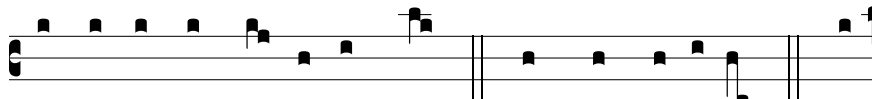
N: When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said



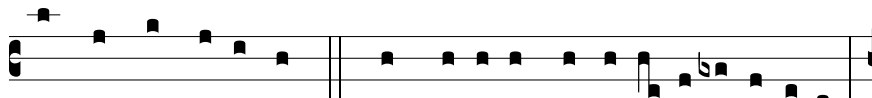
to them, S: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I



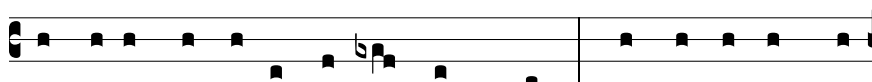
release one prison-er to you at Pass-o-ver. Do you want me to re-



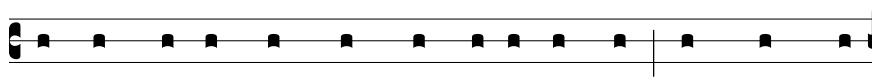
lease to you the King of the Jews?" N: They cried out again, Cr: "Not



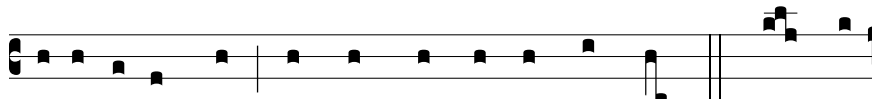
this one but Barabbas!" N: Now Barabbas was a rev-o-lutionar-y.



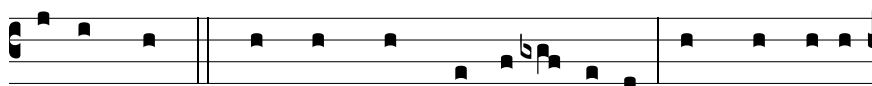
Then Pilate took Je-sus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove



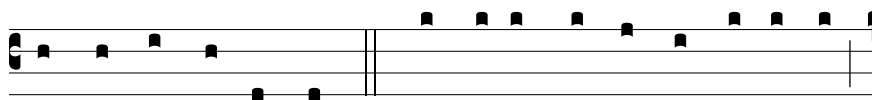
a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him



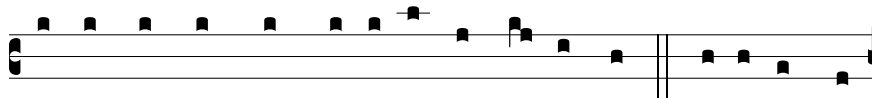
in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, Cr: "Hail, King



of the Jews?" *N:* And they struck him repeat-ed-ly. Once more Pilate



went out and said to them, *S:* "Look, I am bringing him out to you,



so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." *N:* So Je-sus came



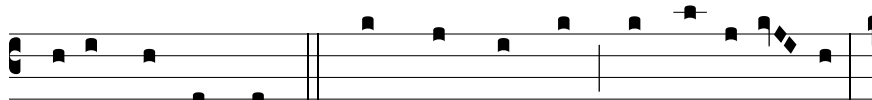
out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said



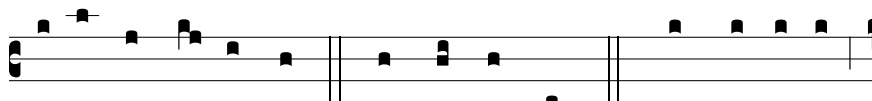
to them, *S:* "Be-hold, the man!" *N:* When the chief priests and the



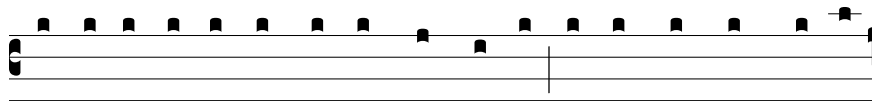
guards saw him they cried out, *Cr:* "Cruci-fy him, cru- ci- fy him!"



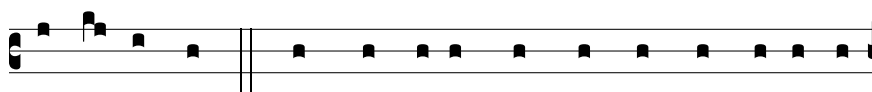
*N:* Pilate said to them, *S:* "Take him yourselves and cru-ci-fy him.



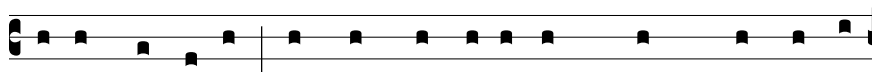
I find no guilt in him." *N:* The Jews answered, *Cr:* "We have a law,



and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself



the Son of God.” N: Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became



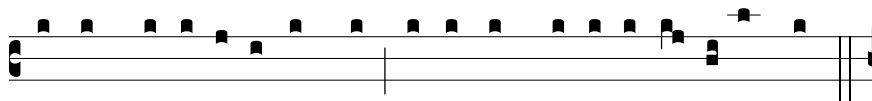
e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the praetorium and said to



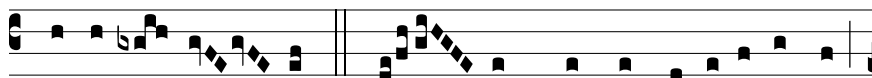
Jesus, S: “Where are you from?” N: Je-sus did not answer him. So Pi-



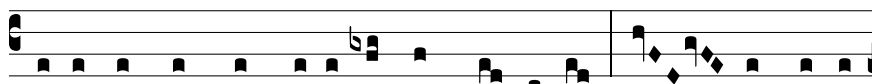
late said to him, S: “Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that



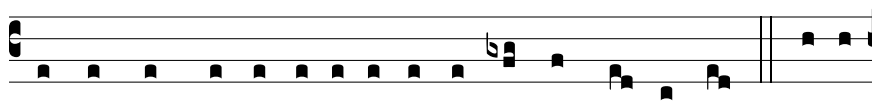
I have power to release you and I have power to cru-ci-fy you?”



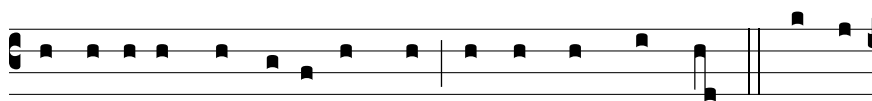
N: Je-sus answered him, J: “You would have no power o-ver me



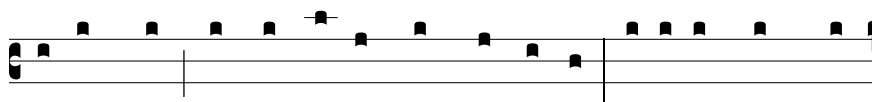
if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason



the one who handed me o-ver to you has the great-er sin.” N: Conse-



quently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, Cr: “If you



release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes



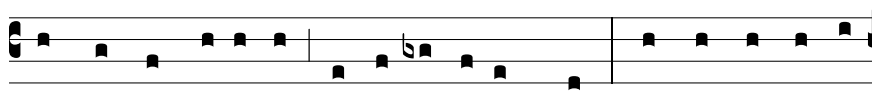
himself a king opposes Caesar.” *N:* When Pilate heard these words



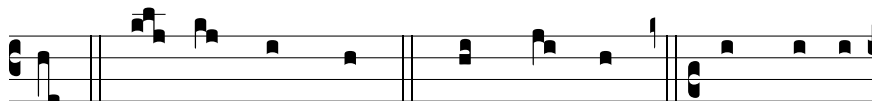
he brought Je-sus out and seated him on the judge’s bench in the



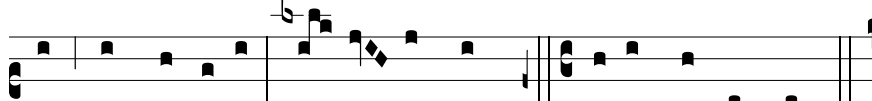
place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was prepa-ra-



tion day for Passo-ver, and it was about noon. And he said to the



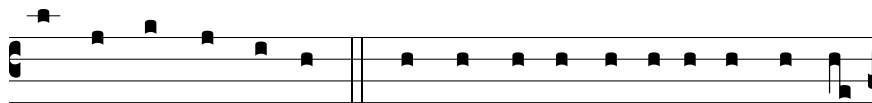
Jews, *S:* “Be-hold, your king!” *N:* They cried out, *Cr:* “Take him a-



way, take him away! Cru-ci- fy him!” *N:* Pilate said to them,

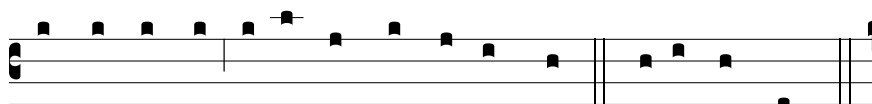


*S:* “Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?” *N:* The chief priests answered, *Cr:* “We

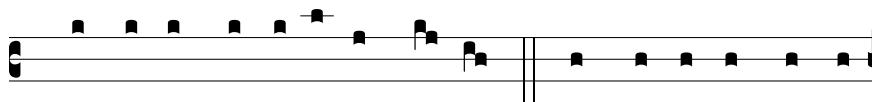


have no king but Caesar.” *N:* Then he handed him o-ver to them to

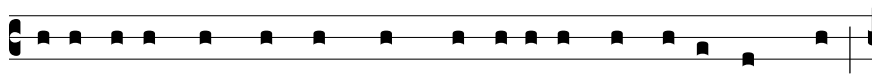




but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" N: Pilate answered,



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



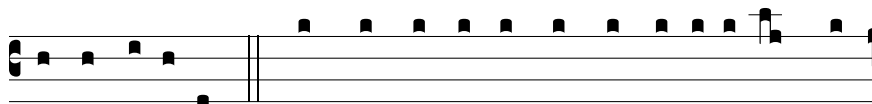
cified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them in-to four shares,



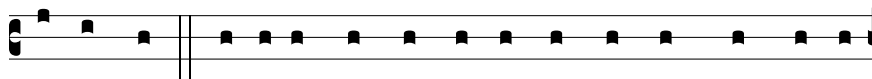
a share for each soldier. They al-so took his tunic, but the tu-nic



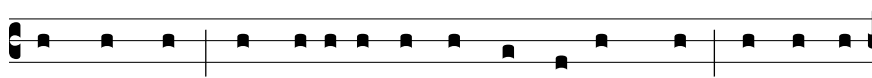
was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said



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



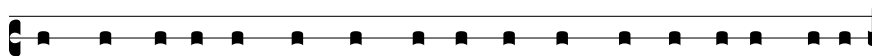
it will be," N: in order that the passage of Scripture might be ful-



filled that says: "They divided my garments among them, and for my



vesture they cast lots." This is what the soldiers did. Standing by



the cross of Je-sus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary



the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Mag-da-la. When Je-sus saw his



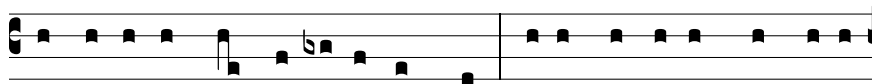
mother and the dis-ci-ple there whom he loved he said to his



mother, *J*: "Wom- an, behold, your son." *N*: Then he said to



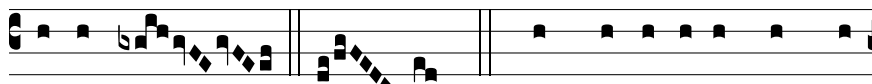
the dis-ci-ple, *J*: "Be- hold, your mother." *N*: And from that hour



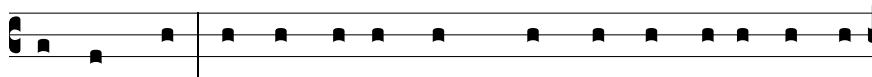
the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his home. After this, aware that every-



thing was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

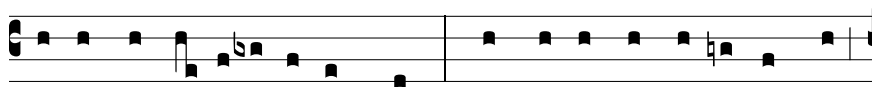


Je-sus said, *J*: "I thirst." *N*: There was a vessel filled with

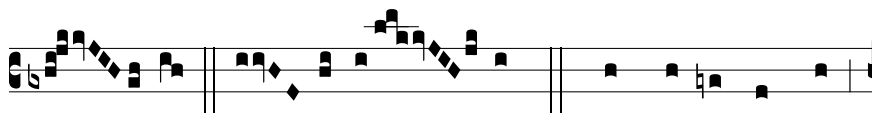


common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of

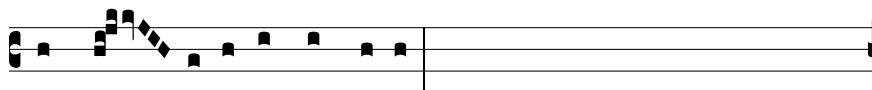




hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Je-sus had tak-en the wine,

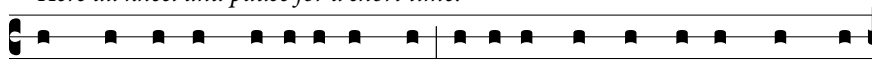


he said, J: "It is fin- ished." N: And bowing his head,

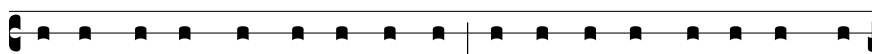


he hand- ed o-ver the spirit.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*



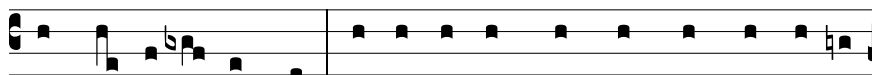
Now since it was prepa-ration day, in order that the bodies might not



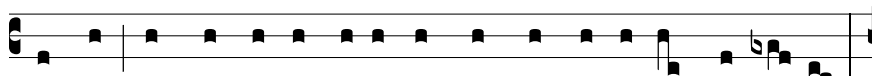
remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week



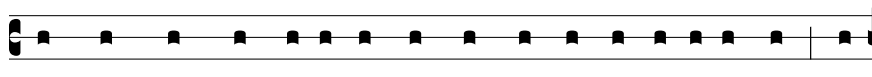
was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and



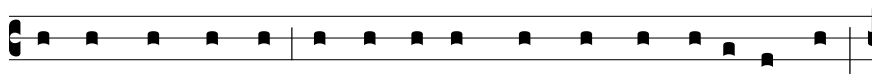
that they be tak-en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of



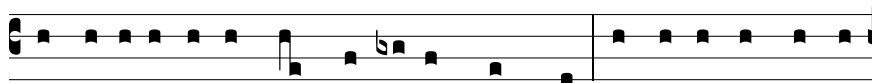
the first and then of the other one who was cru-ci-fied with Je-sus.



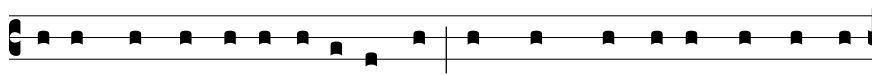
But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead, they



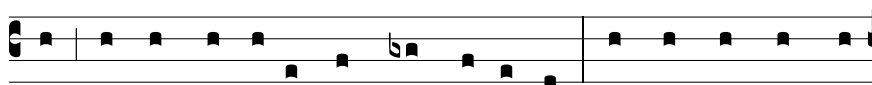
did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to his side,



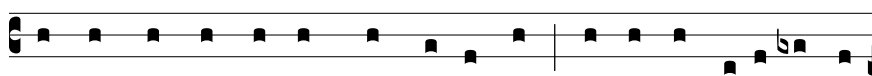
and immedi-ate-ly blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has tes-



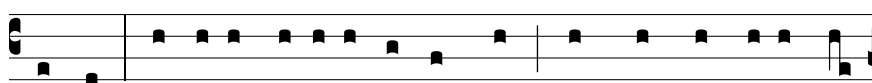
tified, and his tes-ti-mony is true; he knows that he is speaking the



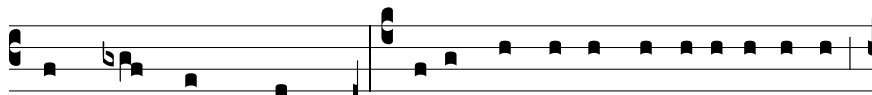
truth, so that you al-so may come to believe. For this happened so



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



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



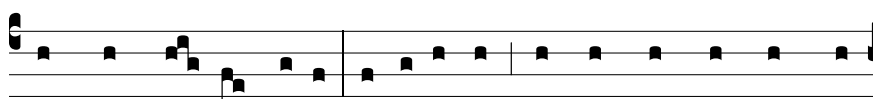
whom they have pierced." After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a,



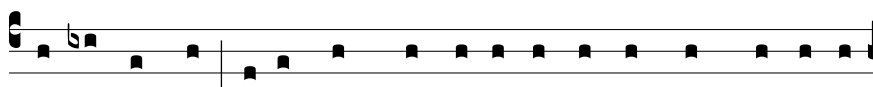
secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he



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



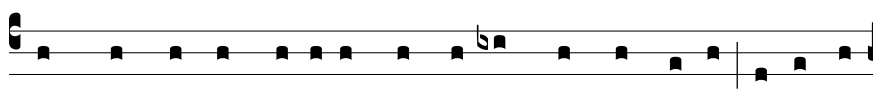
came and took his body. Nic-o-demus, the one who had first come



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



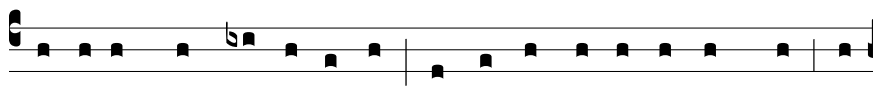
weighing a-bout one hundred pounds. They took the bod-y of Je-sus



and bound it with bur-i-al cloths a-long with the spices, according



to the Jewish bur-i-al custom. Now in the place where he had been



cru-cified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in



which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Je-sus there because



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