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ACCORDING TO JOHN

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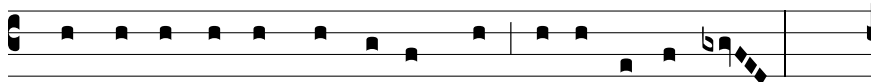
J: JESUS

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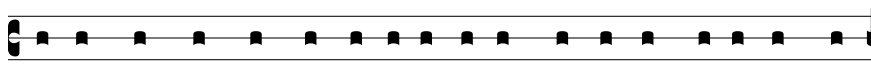
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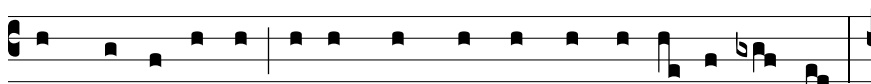
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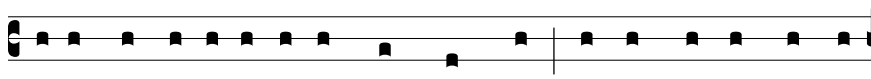
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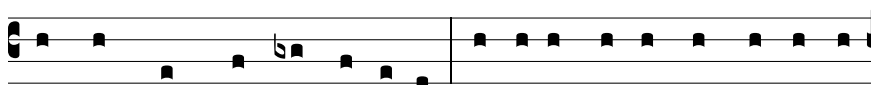
Je-sus went out with his dis-ciples across the Kidron valley to where



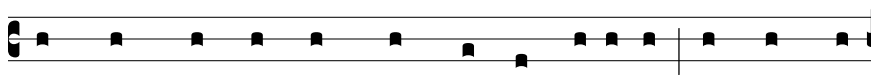
there was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ci-ples entered.



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



ten 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



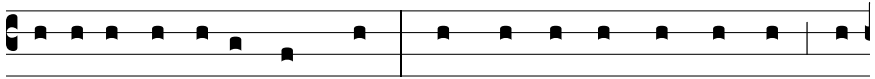
was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,



J: "Whom are you looking for?" N: They answered him, Cr: "Jesus



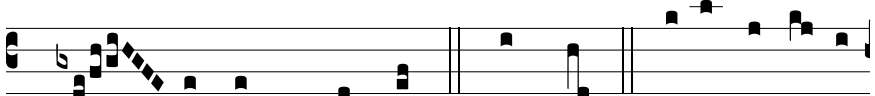
the Na-zorean." N: He said to them, J: "I AM." N: Judas his



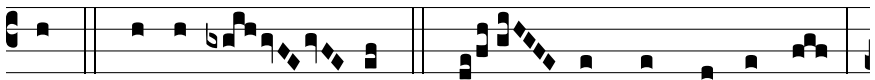
betrayer was al-so with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they



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



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



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



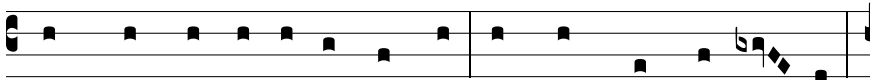
So if you are looking for me, let these men go." N: This was to



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



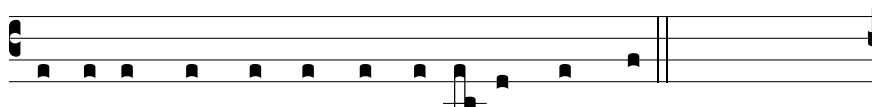
me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high



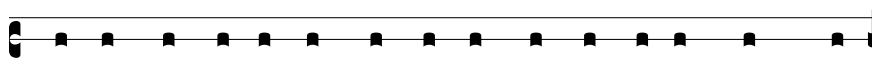
priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal-chus.



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



Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"



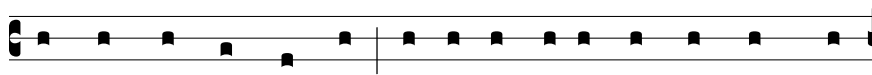
*N*: So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized



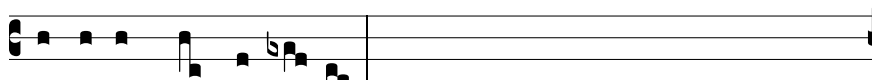
Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-



in-law of Cai-aphas, who was high priest that year. It was Cai-aphas



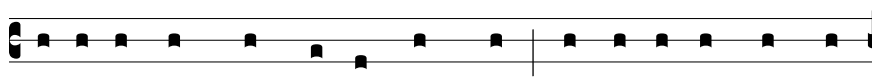
who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should



die rather than the people.



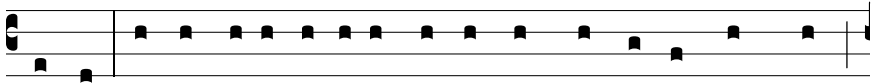
Simon Peter and another dis-ci-ple followed Jesus. Now the other



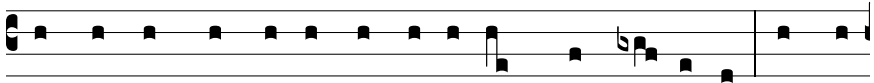
dis-ci-ple was known to the high priest, and he entered the court-



yard of the high priest with Je- sus. But Peter stood at the gate



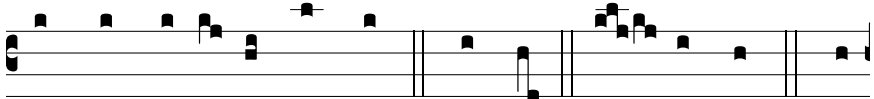
outside. So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high priest,



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



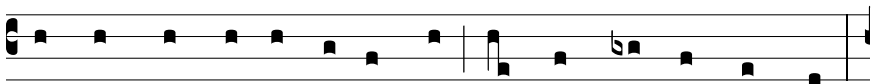
maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, S: "You are not one of



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



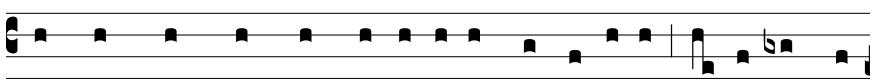
the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that



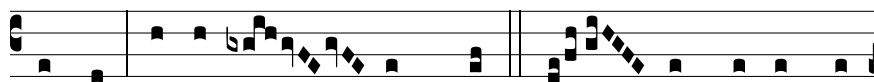
they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves.



Peter was al-so standing there keeping warm.



The high priest questioned Je-sus about his dis-ciples and a-bout his



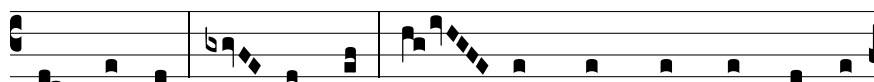
doctrine. Je-sus an- swered him, J: "I have spoken pub-



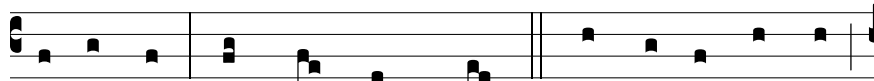
lic-ly to the world. I have always taught in a syn-agogue or in



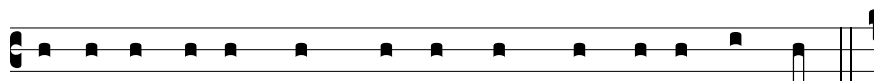
the temple ar-e-a where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have



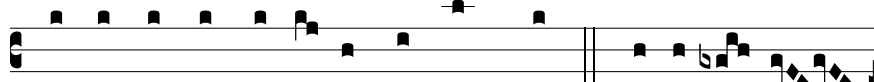
said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I



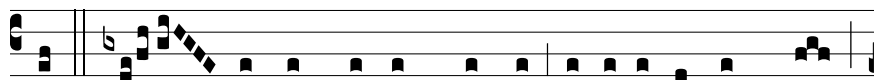
said to them. They know what I said." N: When he had said this,



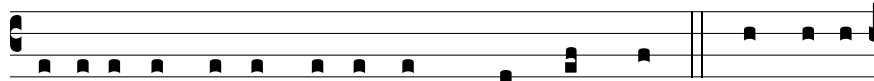
one of the temple guards standing there struck Je-sus and said,



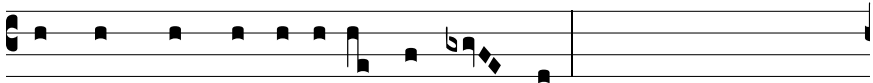
S: "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" N: Je-sus answered



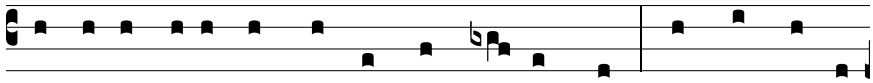
him, J: "If I have spoken wrongly, tes-ti-fy to the wrong;



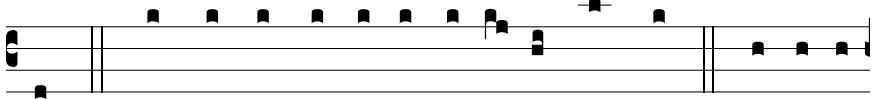
but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" N: Then Annas



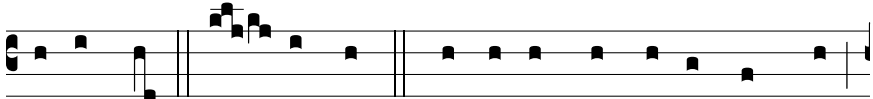
sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest.



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



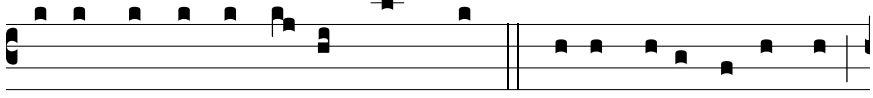
him, Cr: "You are not one of his dis-ci-ples, are you?" N: He denied



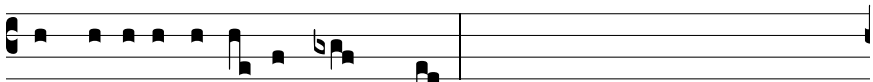
it and said, S: "I am not." N: One of the slaves of the high priest,



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



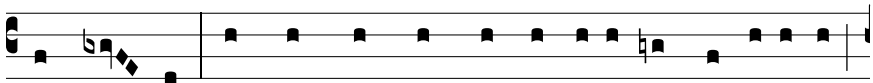
I see you in the garden with him?" N: Again Peter denied it.



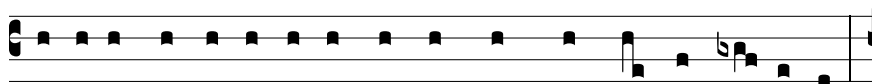
And immedi-ate-ly the cock crowed.



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,



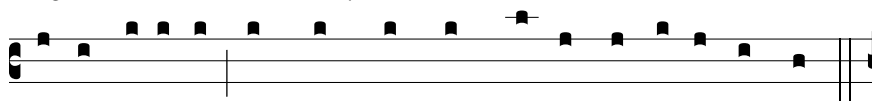
in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Pass-o-ver.



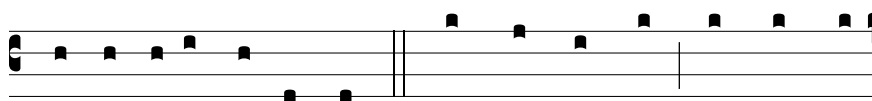
So Pilate came out to them and said, S: "What charge do you bring



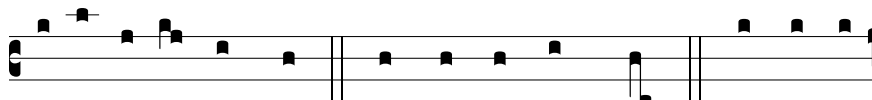
against this man?" N: They answered and said to him, Cr: "If he were



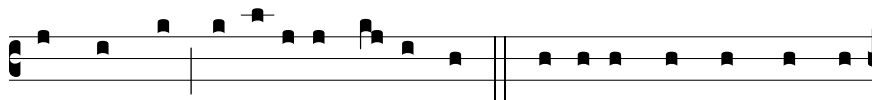
not a crimi-nal, we would not have handed him o-ver to you."



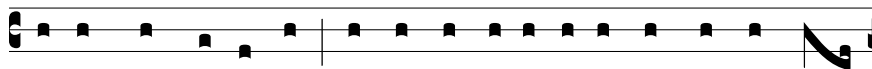
N: At this, Pilate said to them, S: "Take him yourselves, and judge him



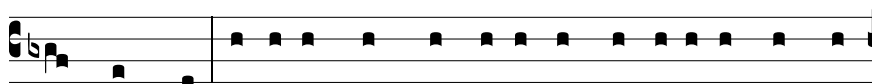
according to your law." N: The Jews answered him, Cr: "We do not



have the right to ex-ecute an-y-one," N: in order that the word of

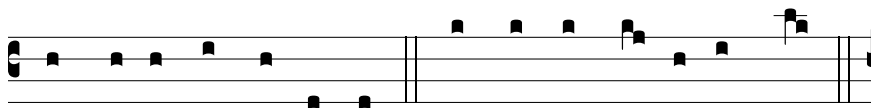


Je-sus might be fulfilled that he said in-di-cating the kind of death

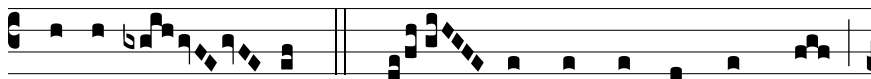


he would die. So Pilate went back in-to the praetor-i-um and sum-

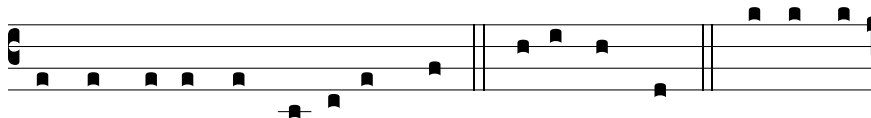




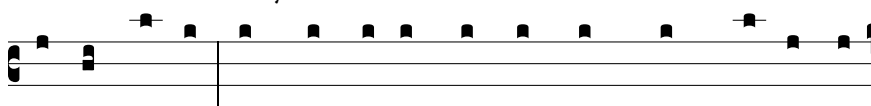
moned Je-sus and said to him, S: "Are you the King of the Jews?"



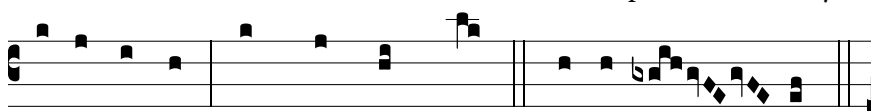
N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "Do you say this on your own



or have others told you about me?" N: Pilate answered, S: "I am not



a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you



o-ver to me. What have you done?" N: Je-sus an- swered,



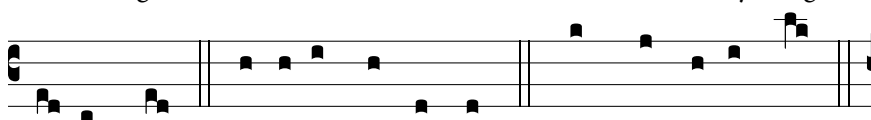
J: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom



did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me



from being handed o-ver to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom



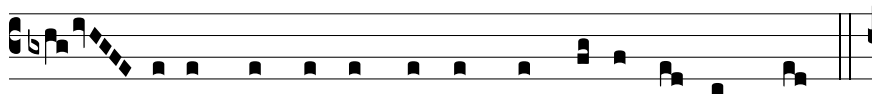
is not here." N: So Pilate said to him, S: "Then you are a king?"



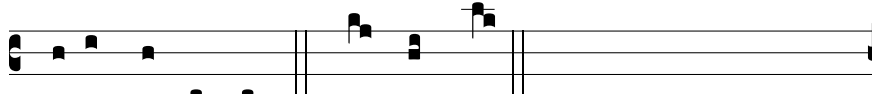
*N:* Je-sus an- swered, *J:* "You say I am a king. For this I was



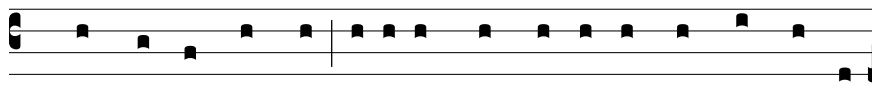
born and for this I came in-to the world, to tes-ti-fy to the truth.



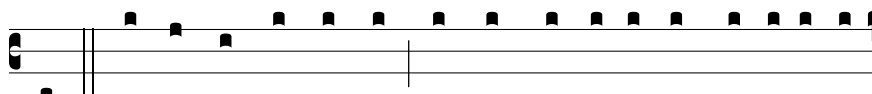
Eve- ryone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



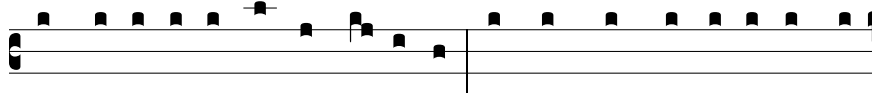
*N:* Pilate said to him, *S:* "What is truth?"



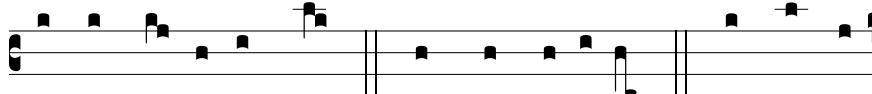
*N:* When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to



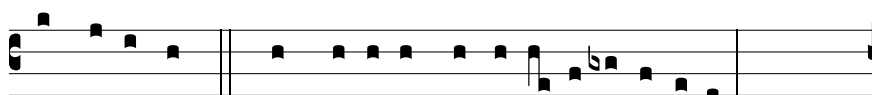
them, *S:* "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release



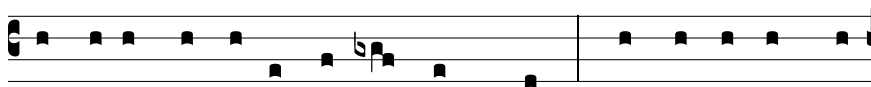
one prison-er to you at Pass-o-ver. Do you want me to release to



you the King of the Jews?" *N:* They cried out again, *Cr:* "Not this one



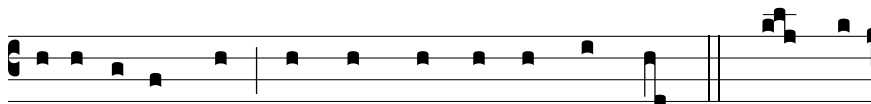
but Barabbas!" *N:* Now Barabbas was a rev-o-lutionar-y.



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



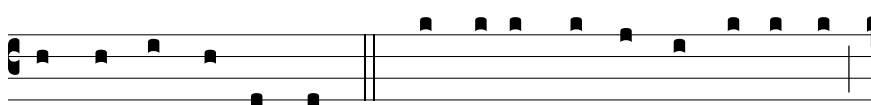
a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him



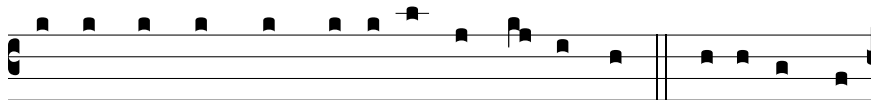
in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, *Cr*: "Hail, King



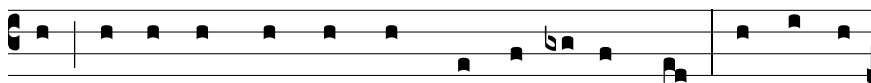
of the Jews!" *N*: And they struck him repeat-ed-ly. Once more Pilate



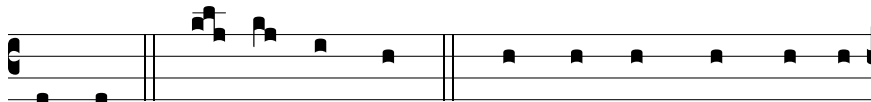
went out and said to them, *S*: "Look, I am bringing him out to you,



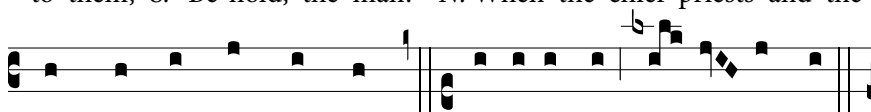
so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." *N*: So Je-sus came



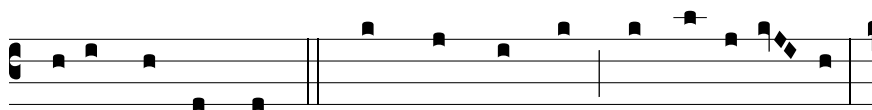
out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said



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



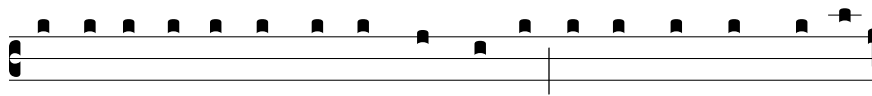
guards saw him they cried out, *Cr*: "Cruci-fy him, cru- ci- fy him!"



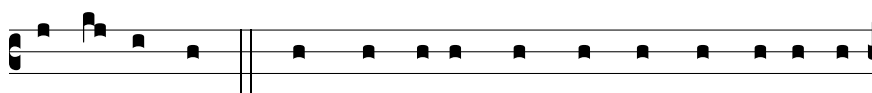
N: Pilate said to them, S: "Take him yourselves and cru-ci-fy him.



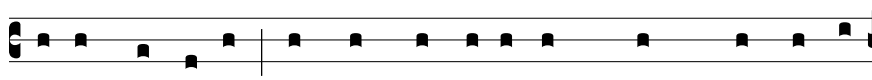
I find no guilt in him." N: The Jews answered, Cr: "We have a law,



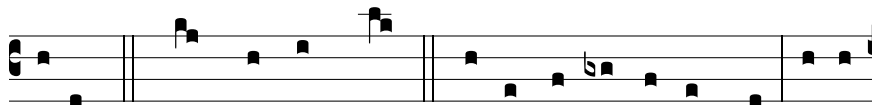
and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself



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



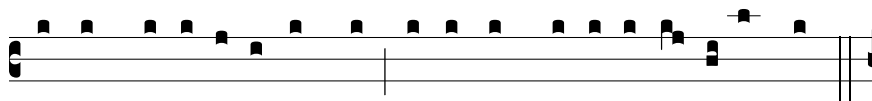
e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the praetorium and said to



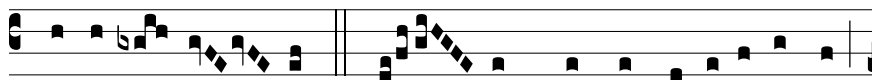
Jesus, S: "Where are you from?" N: Je-sus did not answer him. So Pi-



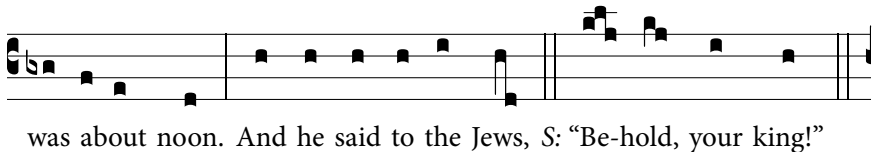
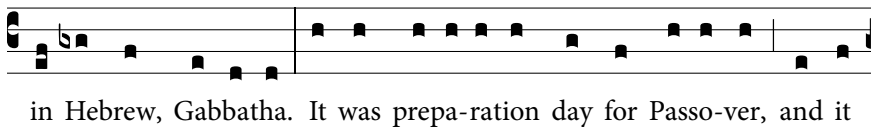
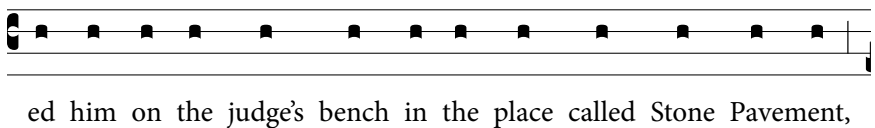
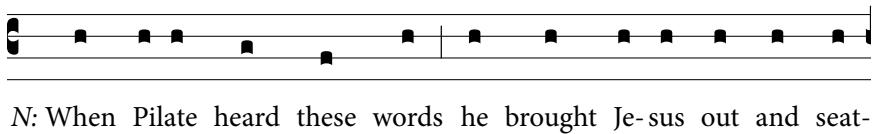
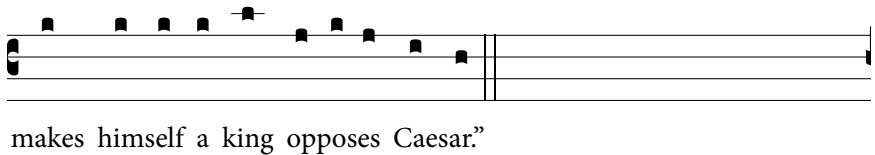
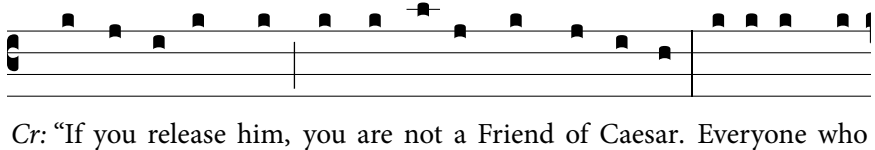
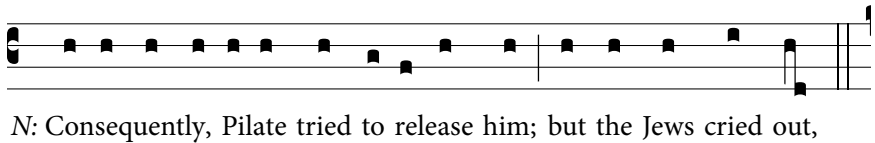
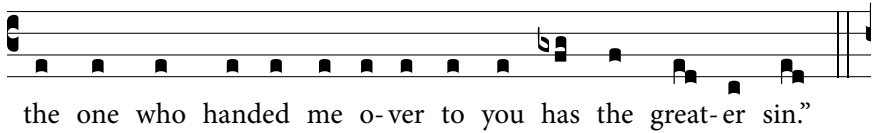
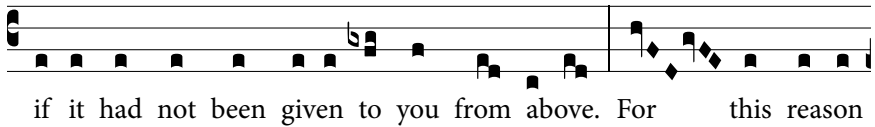
late said to him, S: "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that

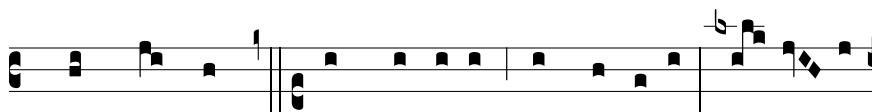


I have power to release you and I have power to cru-ci-fy you?"

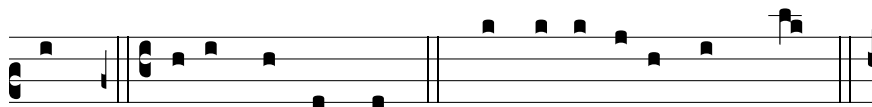


N: Je-sus answered him, J: "You would have no power o-ver me

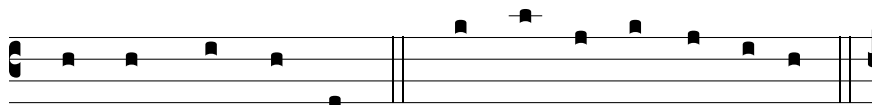




*N:* They cried out, *Cr:* "Take him away, take him away! Cru-ci- fy



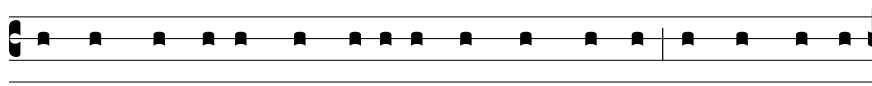
him!" *N:* Pilate said to them, *S:* "Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?"



*N:* The chief priests answered, *Cr:* "We have no king but Caesar."



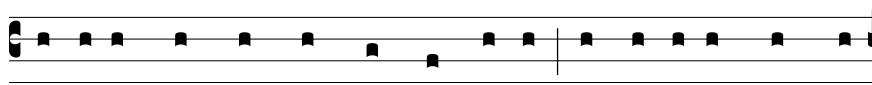
*N:* Then he handed him o-ver to them to be cru-cified.



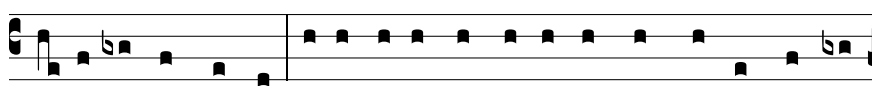
So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to



what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they



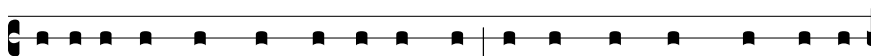
cru-cified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with



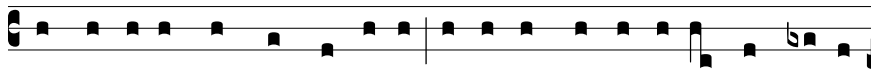
Je-sus in the middle. Pilate al-so had an inscription written and put



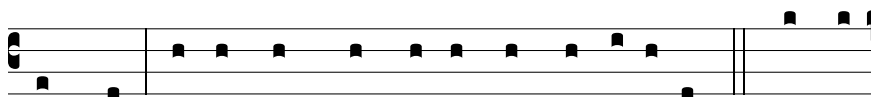
on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now



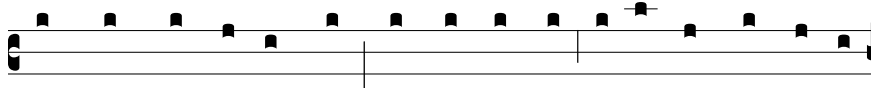
many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Je-sus



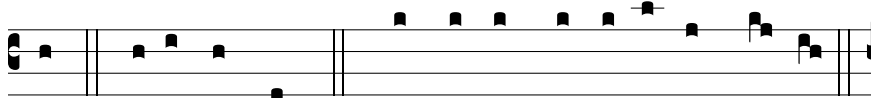
was cru-cified was near the cit-y; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin,



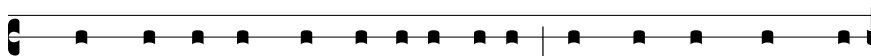
and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, *Cr*: "Do not



write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the



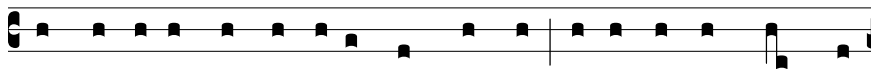
Jews." *N*: Pilate answered, *S*: "What I have written, I have written."



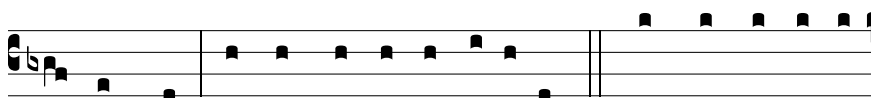
*N*: When the soldiers had cru-cified Jesus, they took his clothes and



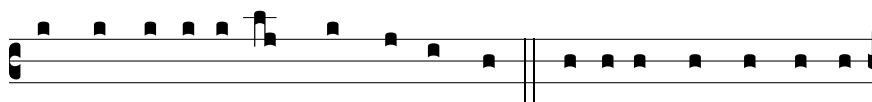
divided them in-to four shares, a share for each soldier. They al-so



took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from



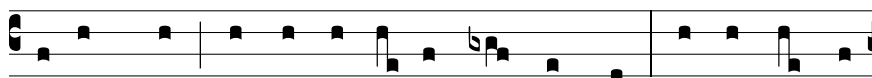
the top down. So they said to one another, *Cr*: "Let's not tear it, but



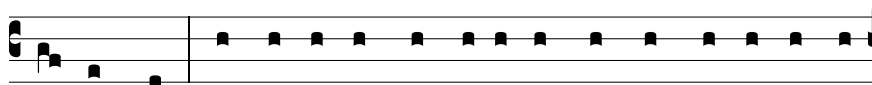
cast lots for it to see whose it will be,” *N*: in order that the passage



of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: “They divided my garments



among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.” This is what the



soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Je-sus were his mother and his



mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Mag-da-la.



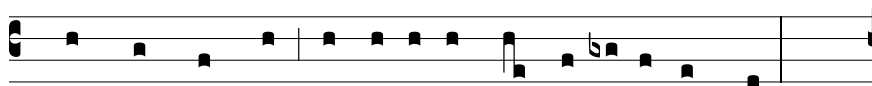
When Je-sus saw his mother and the dis-ci-ple there whom he loved



he said to his mother, *J*: “Wo- man, behold, your son.”

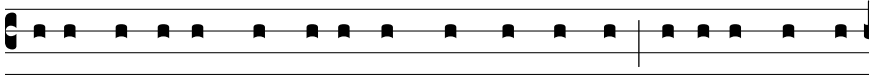


*N*: Then he said to the dis-ciple, *J*: “Be- hold, your mother.”

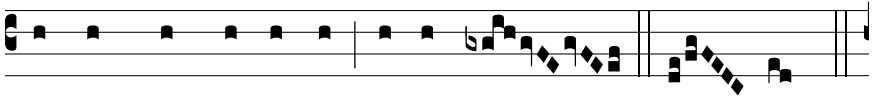


*N*: And from that hour the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his home.

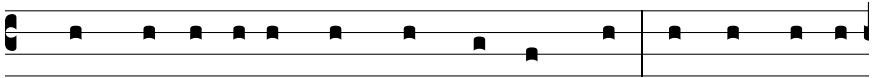




After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the



Scripture might be fulfilled, Je-sus said, J: "I thirst."



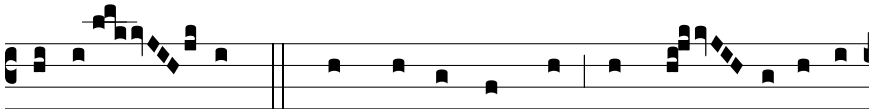
N: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a



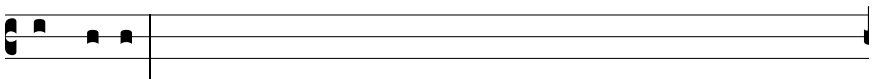
sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his



mouth. When Je-sus had taken the wine, he said, J: "It

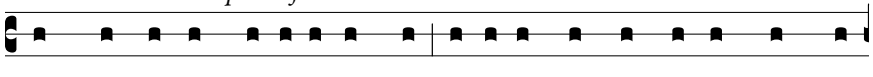


is fin-ished." N: And bowing his head, he hand-ed o-ver



the spirit.

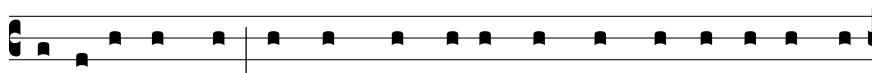
*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*



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



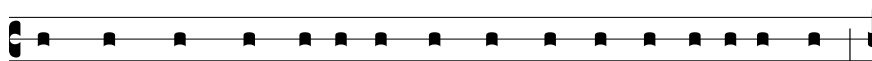
was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and



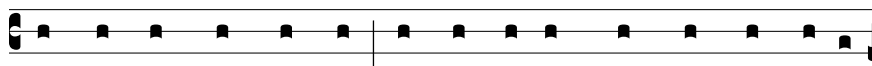
that they be tak-en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of



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



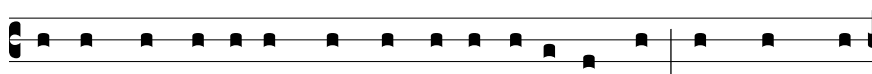
But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead,



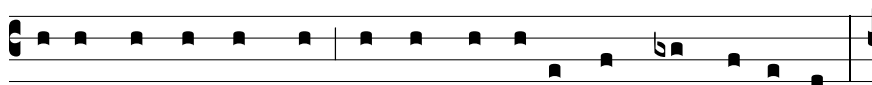
they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to



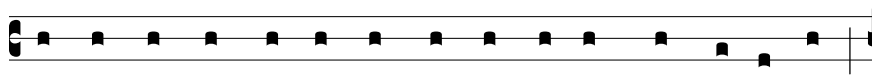
his side, and immedi-ate-ly blood and water flowed out. An eye-



witness 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.



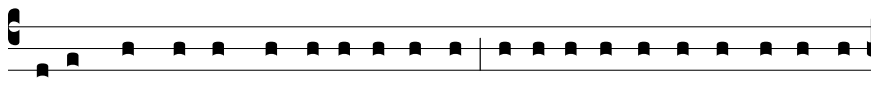
For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:



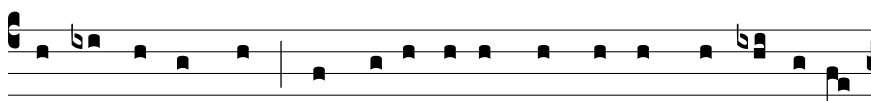
“Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says:



“They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”



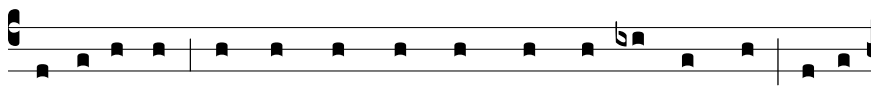
After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a, secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus



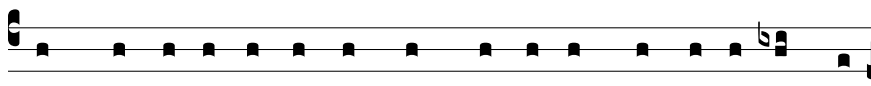
for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the bod-y of



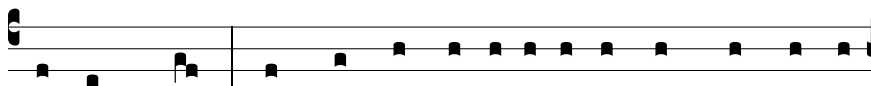
Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.



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-

