

CANTUS PASSIONIS O.P.
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN

N: NARRATOR

J: JESUS

S: SPEAKER

CR: CROWD

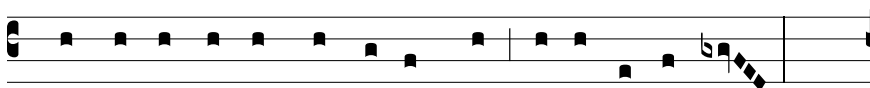


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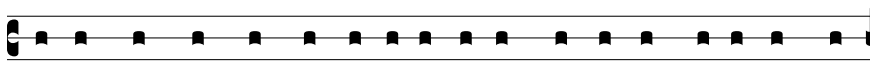
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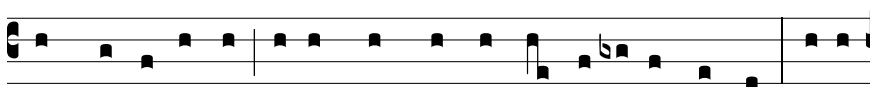
Jn 18:1–19:42



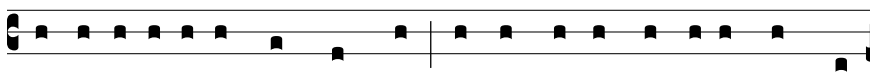
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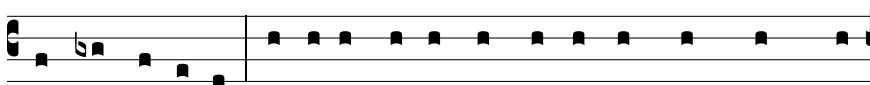
Je-sus went out with his dis-ciples across the Kidron valley to where



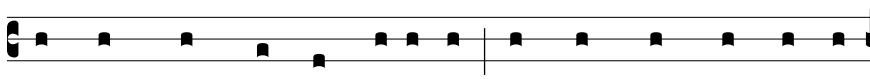
there was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ciples entered. Judas



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



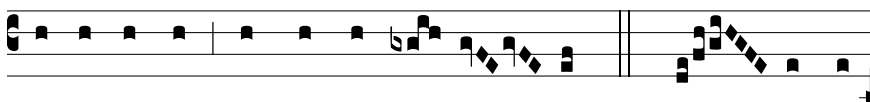
with his dis-ciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from



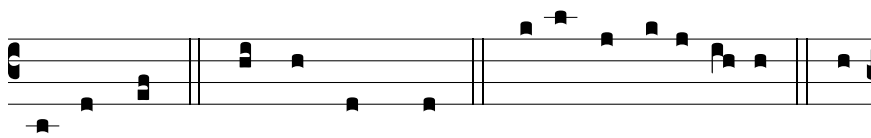
the chief priests and the Phari-sees and went there with lanterns,



torches, and weap-ons. 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 Nazo-re-an." *N*: He



said to them, *J*: "I AM." *N*: Judas his betrayer was al-so



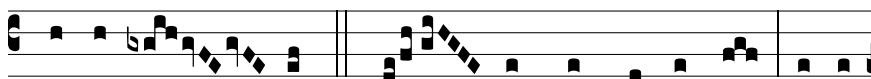
with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned a-way and



fell to the ground. So he again asked them, *J*: "Whom



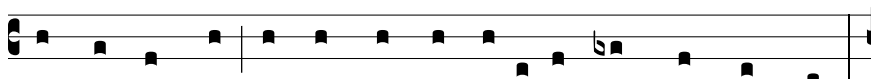
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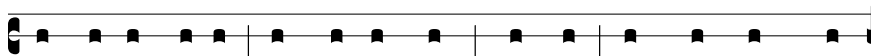
N: Je-sus an-swered, *J*: "I told you that I AM. So if



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?"



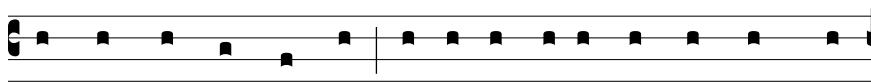
N: So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized



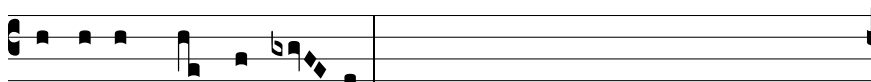
Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-



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 peo-ple.



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



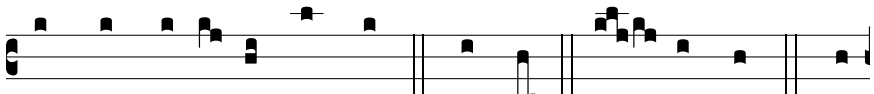
outside. So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high priest,



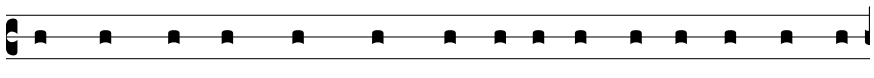
went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Pe-ter in. Then the



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



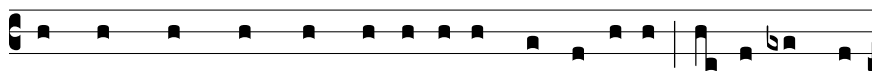
the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that



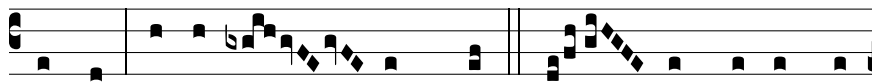
they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves.



Peter was al-so standing there keeping warm.



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



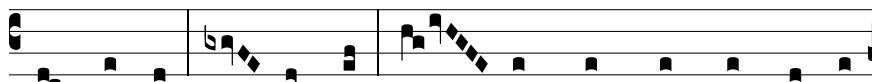
doctrine. Je-sus an- swered him, J: "I have spoken pub-



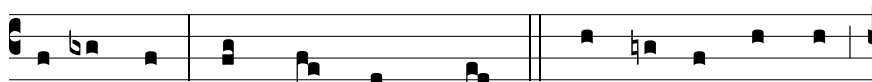
lic-ly to the world. I have always taught in a syn-agogue or in



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



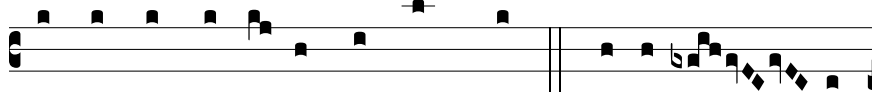
said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I



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 an- swered



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 An-



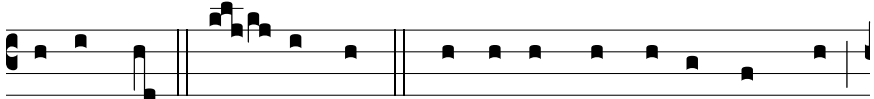
nas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest.



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



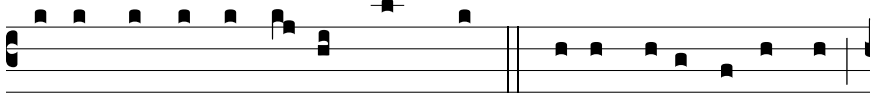
him, Cr: "You are not one of his dis-ci-ples, are you?" N: He denied



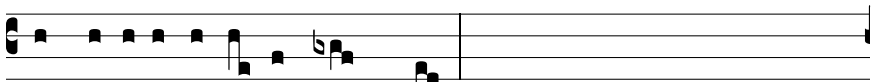
it and said, S: "I am not." N: One of the slaves of the high priest,



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



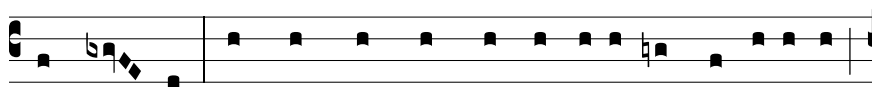
I see you in the garden with him?" N: Again Peter denied it.



And immedi-ate-ly the cock crowed.



Then they brought Je-sus from Cai-aphas to the praetor-i-um. It



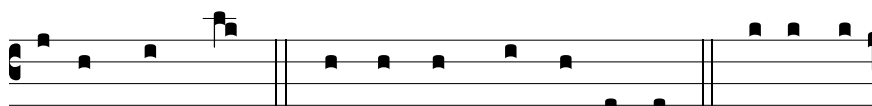
was morn-ing. And they themselves did not enter the praetor-i-um,



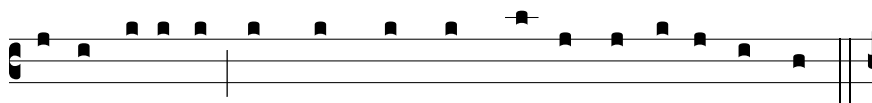
in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Pass-o-ver.



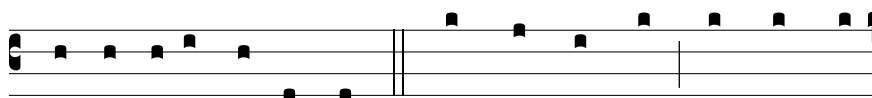
So Pilate came out to them and said, S: "What charge do you bring



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



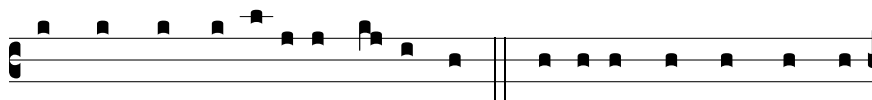
not a crimi-nal, we would not have handed him o-ver to you."



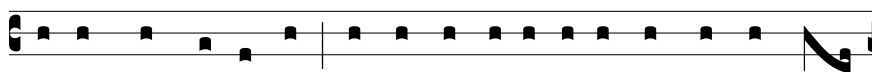
N: At this, Pilate said to them, S: "Take him yourselves, and judge him



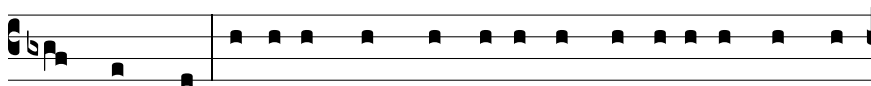
according to your law." N: The Jews answered him, Cr: "We do not



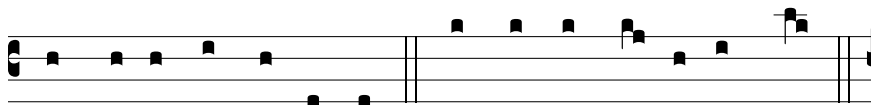
have the right to ex-ecute an-y-one," N: in order that the word of



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



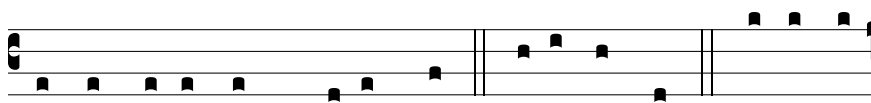
he would die. So Pilate went back in-to the praetor-i-um and sum-



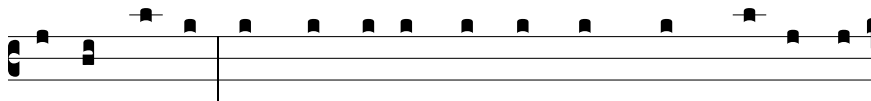
moned Je-sus and said to him, S: "Are you the King of the Jews?"



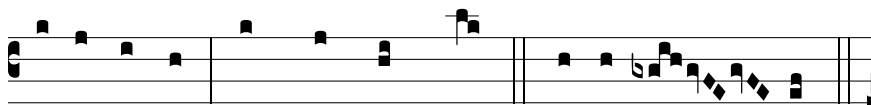
N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "Do you say this on your own



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,



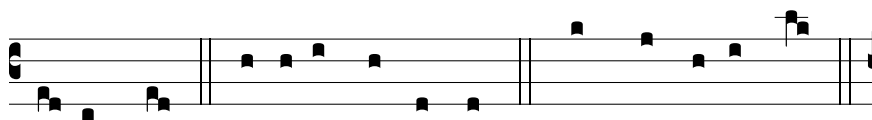
J: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom



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



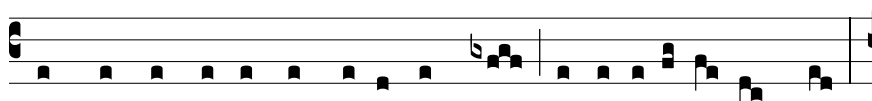
from being handed o-ver to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom



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



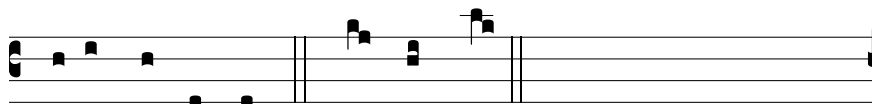
N: Je-sus an- swered, *J*: "You say I am a king. For this I was



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



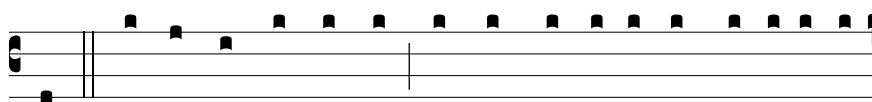
Eve- ry-one who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



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

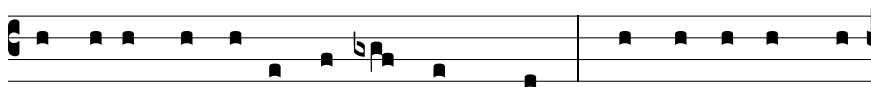


N: When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to

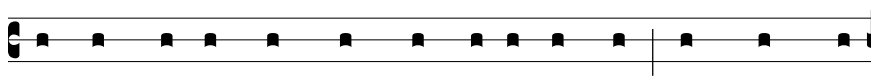




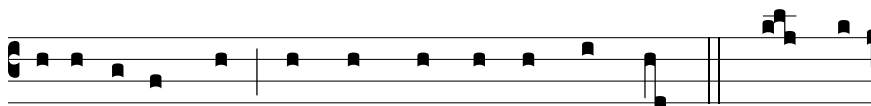
but Barabbas!" *N:* Now Barabbas was a rev-o- lutionar-y.



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



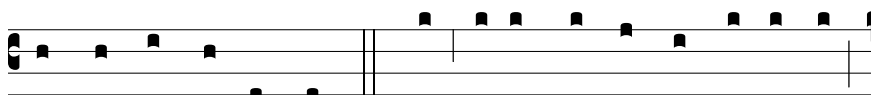
a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him



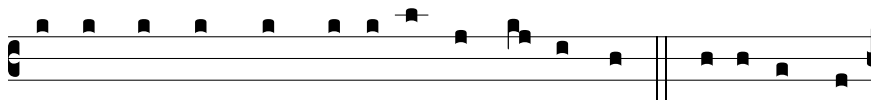
in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, *Cr:* "Hail, King



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



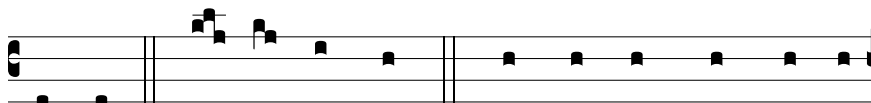
went out and said to them, *S:* "Look, I am bringing him out to you,



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



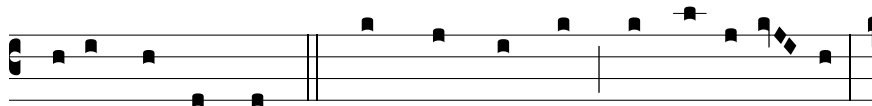
out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said



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



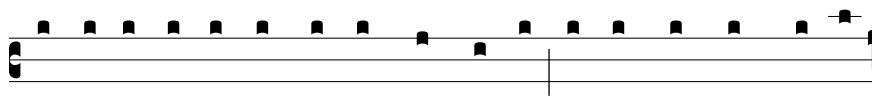
guards saw him they cried out, *Cr*: “Cruci-fy him, cru- ci- fy him!”



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



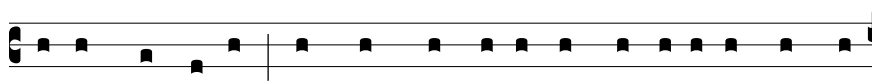
I find no guilt in him.” *N*: The Jews answered, *Cr*: “We have a law,



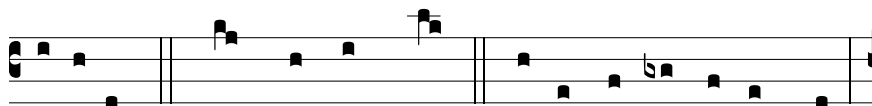
and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself



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



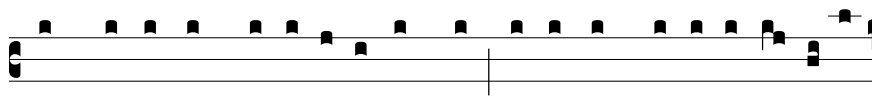
e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the praetor-i-um and said



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



So Pilate said to him, *S*: “Do you not speak to me? Do you not



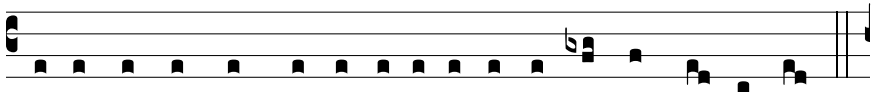
know that I have power to release you and I have power to cru-ci-fy



you?" *N:* Je-sus an- swered him, *J:* "You would have no power



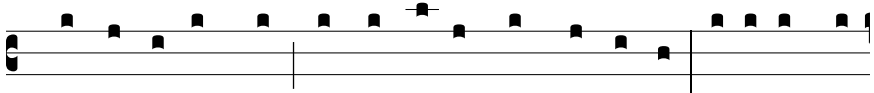
o-ver me if it had not been given to you from above. For this



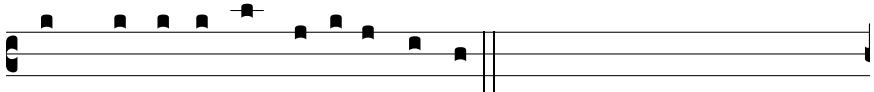
reason the one who handed me o-ver to you has the great-er sin."



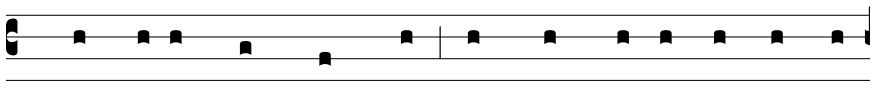
N: Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out,



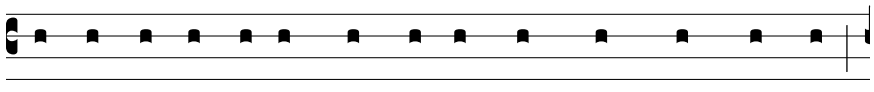
Cr: "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who



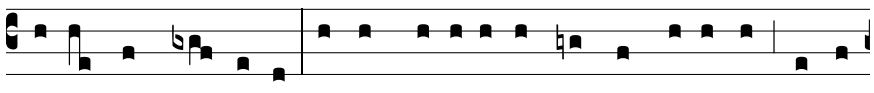
makes himself a king opposes Caesar."



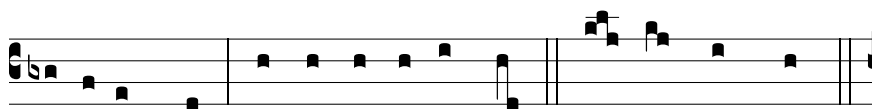
N: When Pilate heard these words he brought Je-sus out and seat-



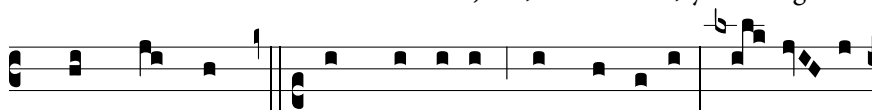
ed him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement,



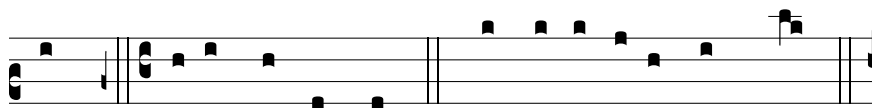
in Hebrew, Gab-batha. It was prepa-ration day for Passo-ver, and it



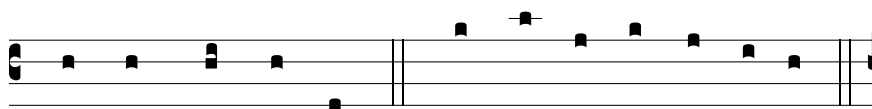
was about noon. And he said to the Jews, S: "Be-hold, your king!"



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



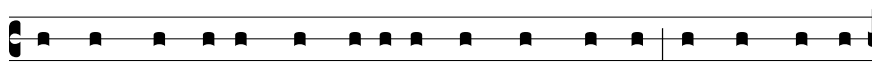
him!" N: Pilate said to them, S: "Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?"



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

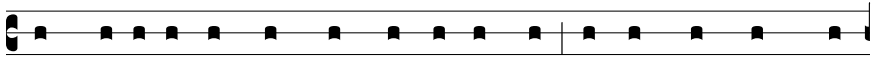


N: Then he handed him o-ver to them to be cru-cified.





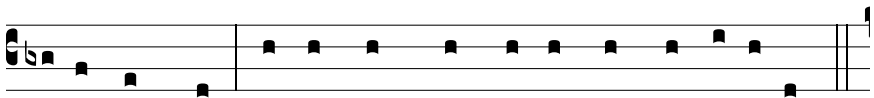
on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazo-re-an, the King of the Jews."



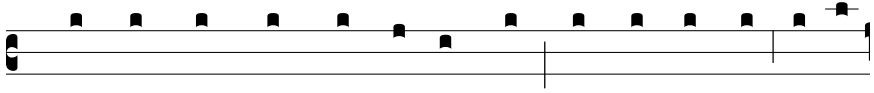
Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where



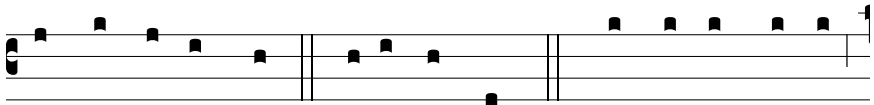
Je-sus was cru-cified was near the cit-y; and it was written in Hebrew,



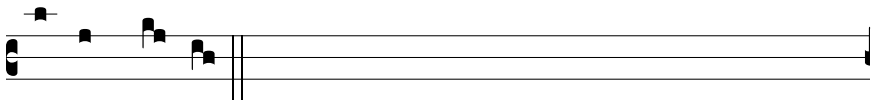
Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,



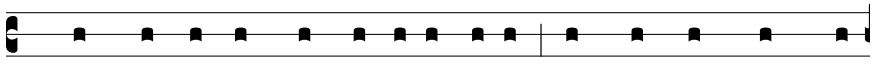
Cr: "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am



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



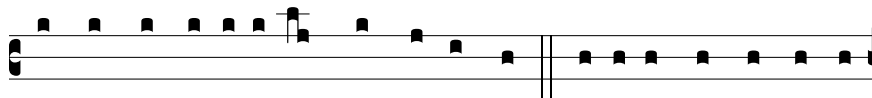
divided them in-to four shares, a share for each soldier. They al-so



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,



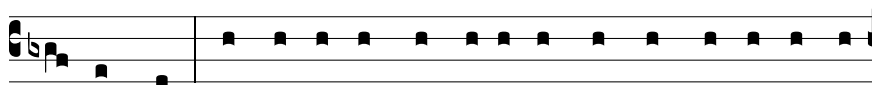
but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," *N*: in order that the passage



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



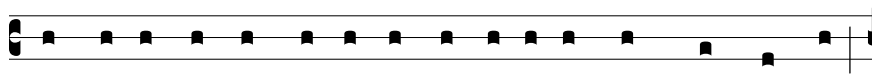
among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." This is what the



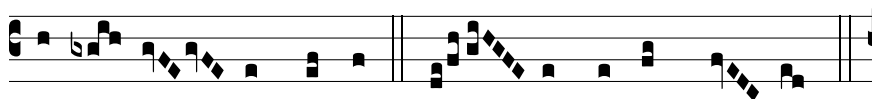
soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Je-sus were his mother and his



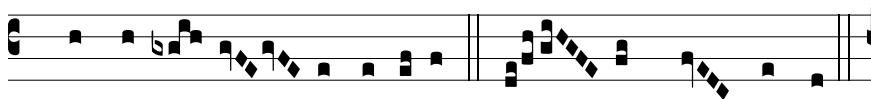
mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Mag-da-la.



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."



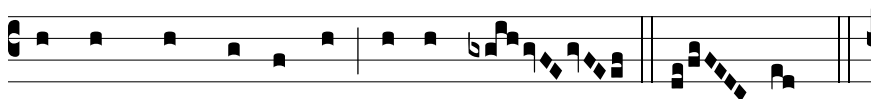
N: Then he said to the dis-ciple, J: "Be- hold, your mother."



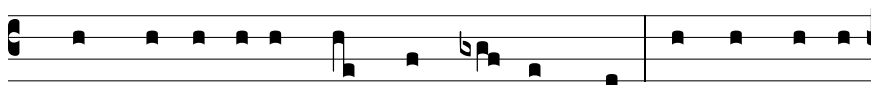
N: And from that hour the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his home.



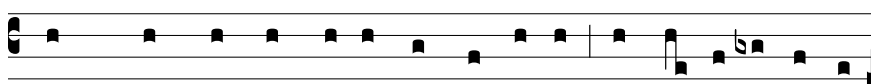
After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the



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



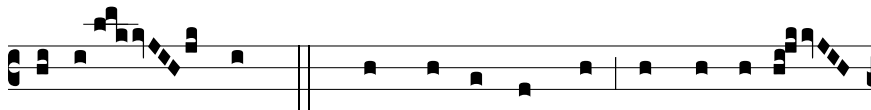
N: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a



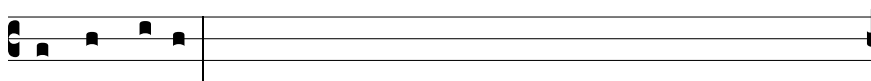
sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his



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

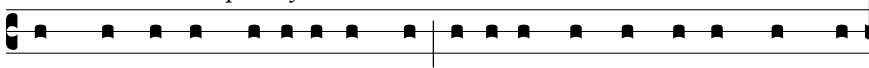


is fin- ished." N: And bowing his head, he handed o-



ver the spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.



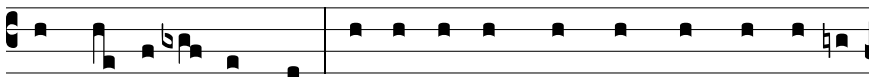
Now since it was prepa-ration day, in order that the bodies might not



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



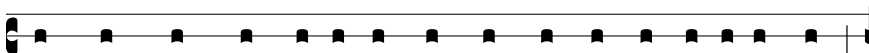
was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and



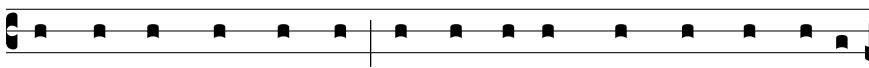
that they be tak-en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of



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,



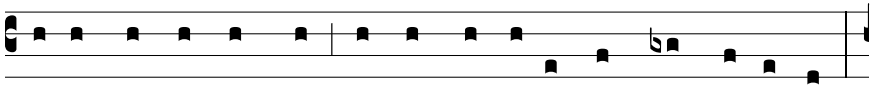
they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to



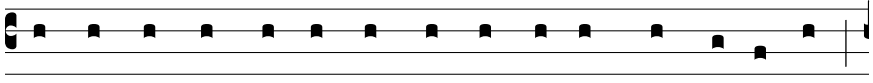
his side, and immedi-ate-ly blood and water flowed out. An eye-



witness has tes-tified, and his tes-ti-mony is true; he knows that



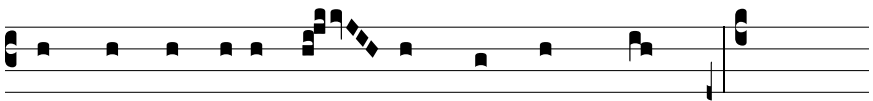
he is speaking the truth, so that you al-so may come to believe.



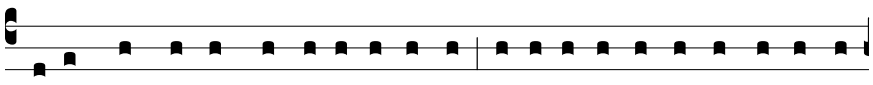
For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:



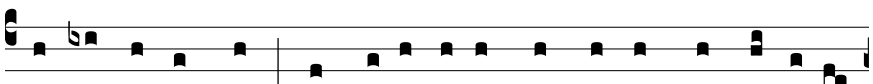
“Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says:



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



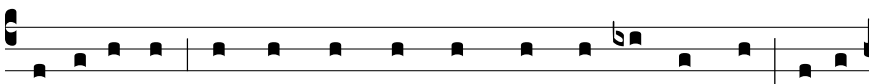
After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a, secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus



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



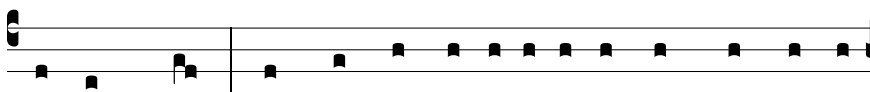
Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.



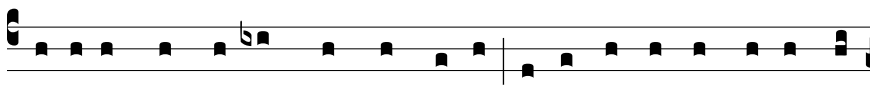
Nic-o-demus, the one who had first come to him at night, al-so



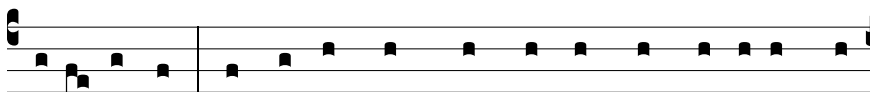
came bringing a mixture of myrrh and al-oes weighing a-bout one



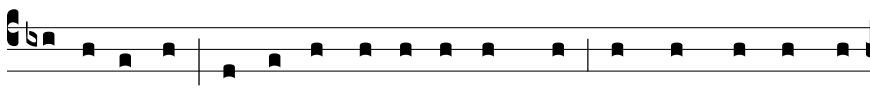
hundred pounds. They took the bod-y of Je-sus and bound it with



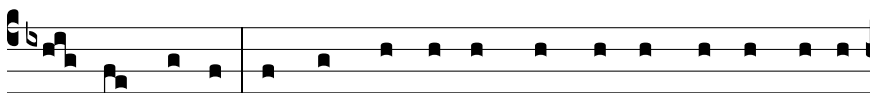
bur-i- al cloths a-long with the spices, according to the Jewish bur-



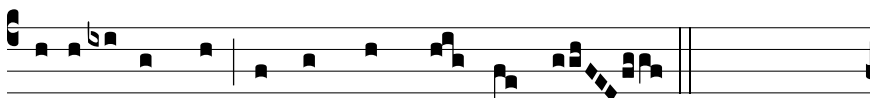
i- al custom. Now in the place where he had been cru-cified there



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.



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