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N: NARRATOR

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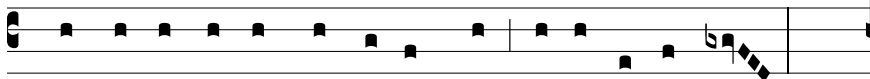


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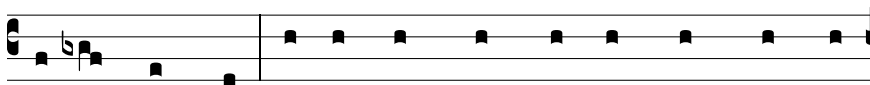
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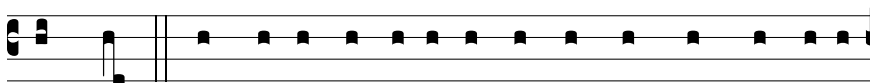
The Passo-ver and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place



in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seek-



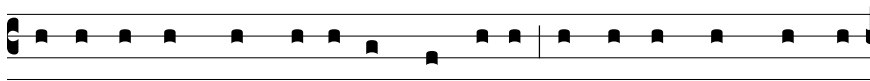
ing a way to arrest him by treach-er-y and put him to death.



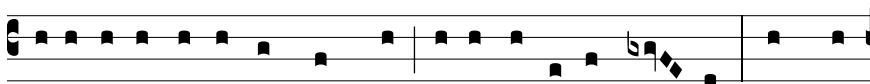
They said, S: "Not during the fes-ti-val, for fear that there may be a



ri-ot among the people." N: When he was in Betha-ny reclining at



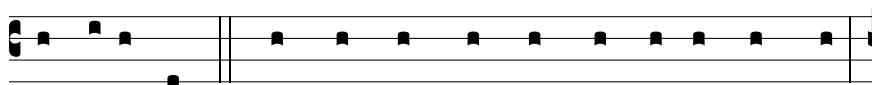
ta-ble in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an



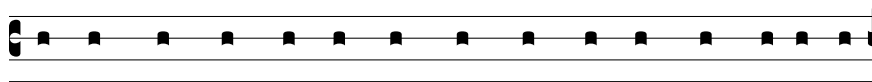
al-a-baster jar of perfumed oil, costly gen-u-ine spikenard. She broke



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



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



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



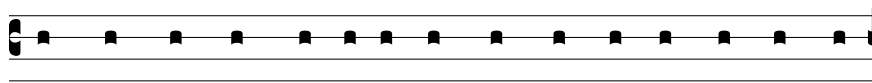
the money given to the poor." N: They were in-fu-ri-at-ed with her.



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



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



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



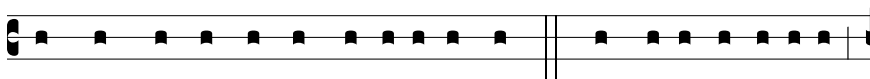
but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She



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



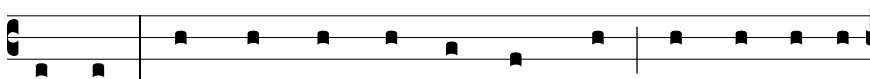
you, wherev-er the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she



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



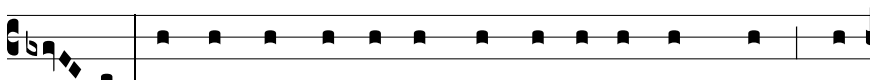
one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him o-ver



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



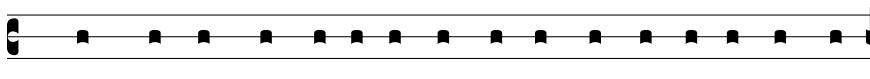
pay him mon-ey. Then he looked for an opportu-ni-ty to hand him



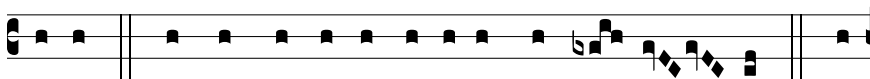
o- ver. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when



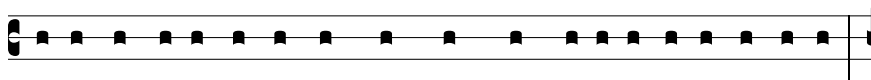
they sac-rificed the Passo-ver lamb, his dis-ciples said to him,



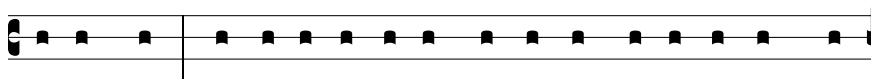
S: “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Pass-



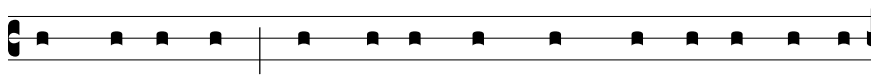
over?” N: He sent two of his dis-ciples and said to them, J: “Go



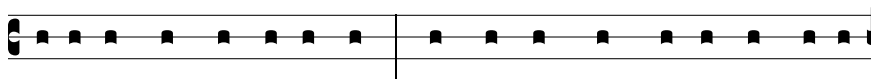
in-to the cit-y and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water.



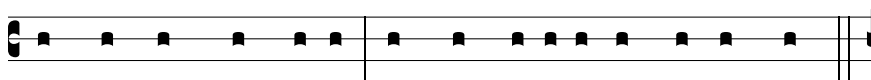
Follow him. Wherev-er he enters, say to the master of the house,



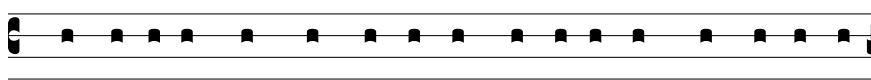
‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the



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



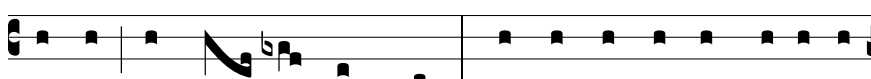
room furnished and ready. Make the prepa-rations for us there.”



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



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



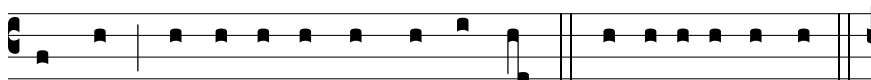
evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at ta-ble



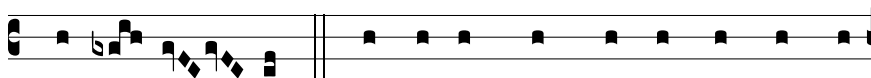
and were eating, Je- sus said, J: “Amen, I say to you, one of you



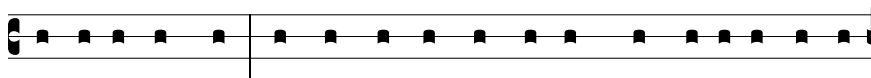
will betray me, one who is eating with me.” *N*: They began to be



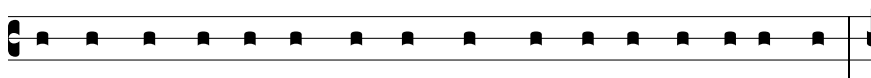
distressed and to say to him, one by one, *S*: “Surely it is not I?”



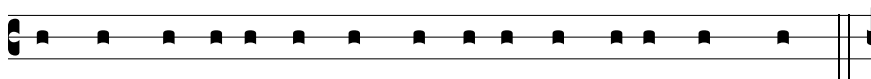
*N*: He said to them, *J*: “One of the Twelve, the one who dips with



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



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



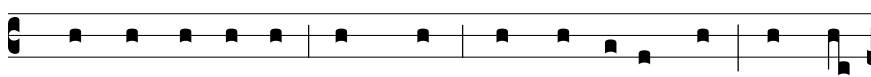
It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”



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



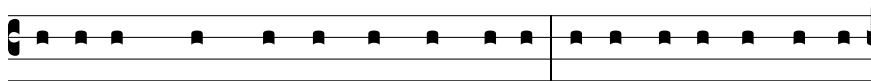
and gave it to them, and said, *J*: “Take it; this is my body.”



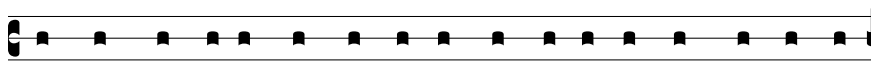
*N*: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they



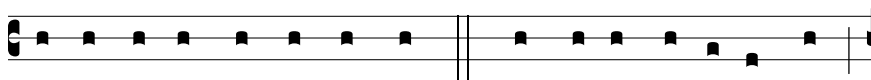
all drank from it. He said to them, J: "This is my blood of the



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



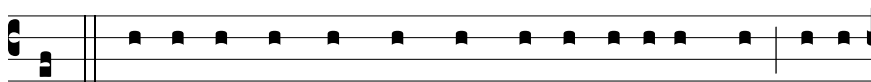
shall not drink again the fruit of the vine un-til the day when I drink



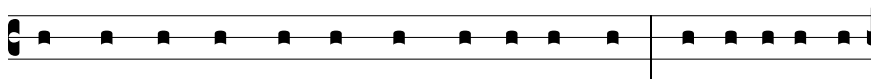
it new in the kingdom of God." N: Then, af-ter singing a hymn,



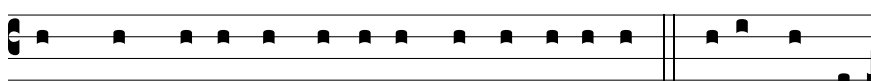
they went out to the Mount of Ol-ives. Then Je-sus said to



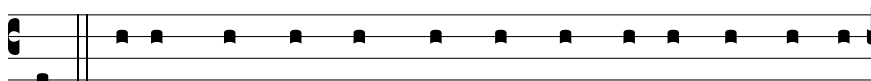
them, J: "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will



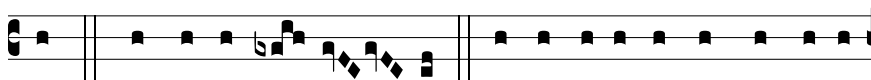
strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But af-ter I have



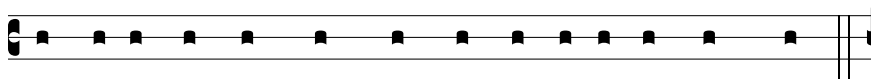
been raised up, I shall go before you to Gal-i-lee." N: Peter said to



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



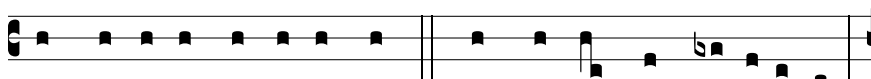
be.” *N*: Then Je-sus said to him, *J*: “Amen, I say to you, this ver-y



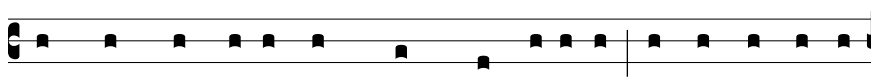
night before the cock crows twice you will de-ny me three times.”



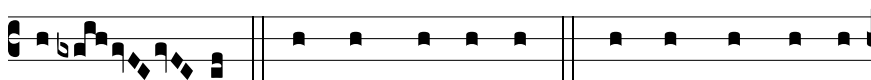
*N*: But he ve-hemently replied, *S*: “Even though I should have to die



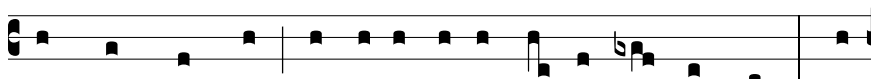
with you, I will not de-ny you.” *N*: And they all spoke sim-i-lar-ly.



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



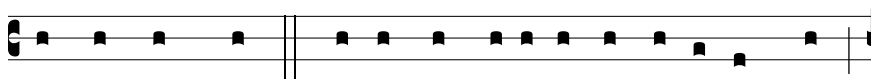
dis-ci- ples, *J*: “Sit here while I pray.” *N*: He took with him Pe-



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



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

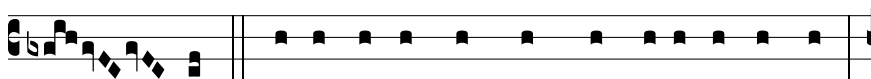


here and keep watch.” *N*: He advanced a lit-tle and fell to the ground

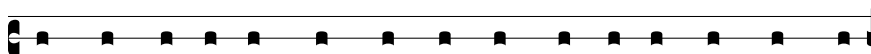




and prayed that if it were possi-ble the hour might pass by him;



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



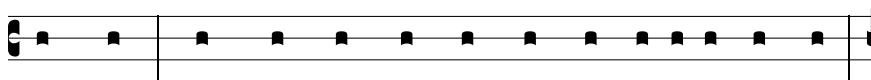
Take this cup a-way from me, but not what I will but what you



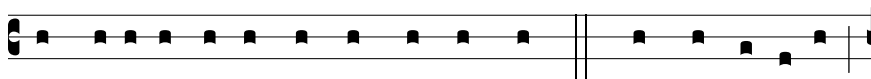
will.” *N*: When he returned he found them asleep. He said



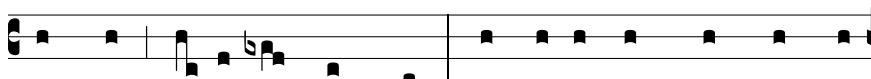
to Peter, *J*: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for



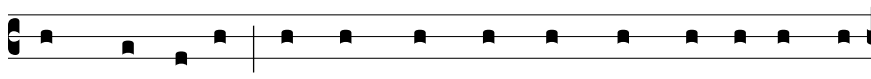
one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.



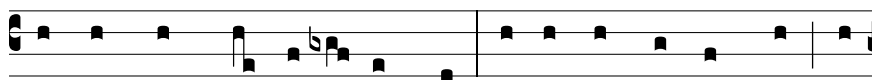
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” *N*: Withdrawing again,



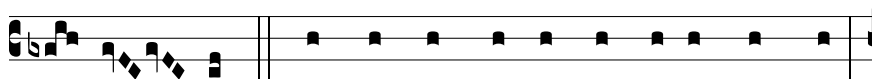
he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and



found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes o-pen and



did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and



said to them, *J*: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?"



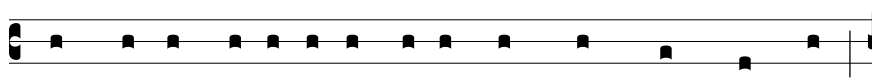
It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to



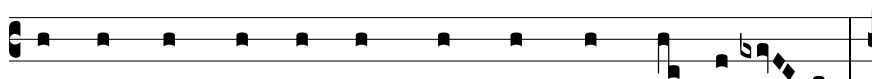
be handed o-ver to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer



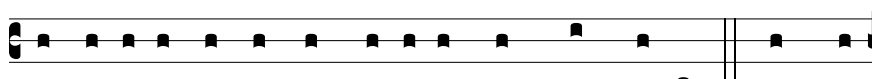
is at hand." *N*: Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the



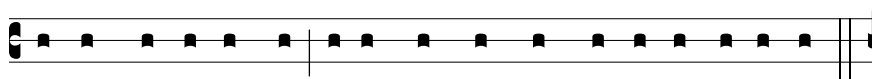
Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs



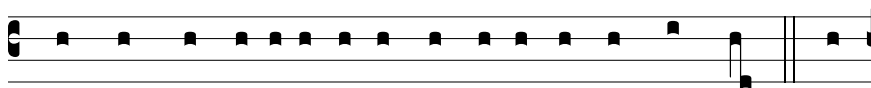
who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the el- ders.



His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, *S*: "The man



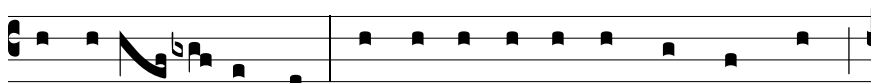
I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him a-way securely."



N: He came and immedi-ate-ly went o-ver to him and said, S: "Rab-



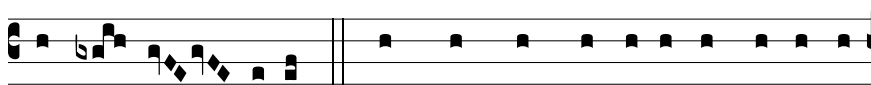
bi." N: And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him



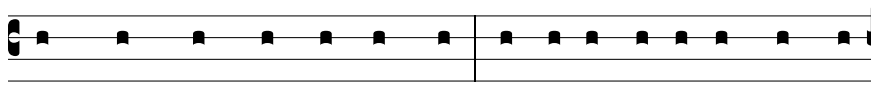
and arrest- ed him. One of the bystanders drew his sword,



struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Je-sus said



to them in reply, J: "Have you come out as against a robber,



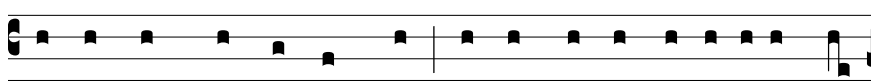
with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day af-ter day I was with you



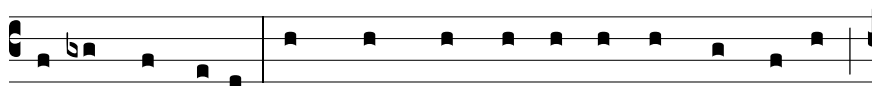
teaching in the temple ar-e-a, yet you did not arrest me; but that



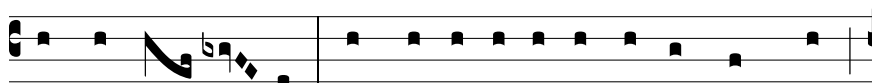
the Scriptures may be fulfilled." N: And they all left him and fled.



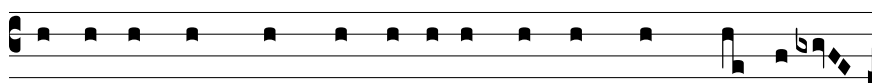
Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth



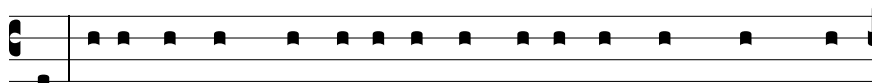
a-bout his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind



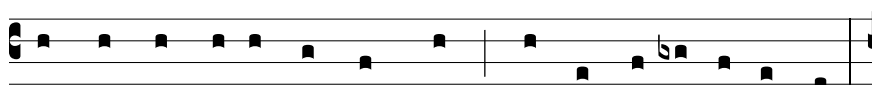
and ran off na-ked. They led Je-sus a-way to the high priest,



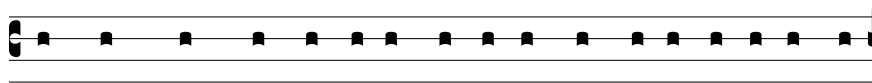
and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came togeth-



er. Peter followed him at a distance in-to the high priest's court-



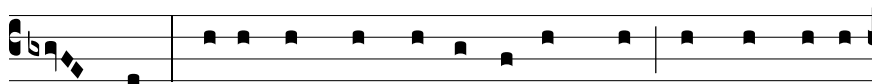
yard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire.



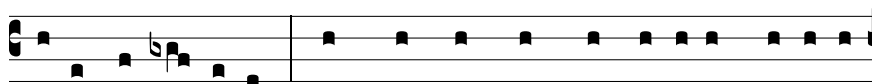
The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain tes-



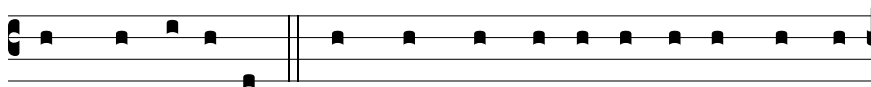
ti-mony against Je-sus in order to put him to death, but they



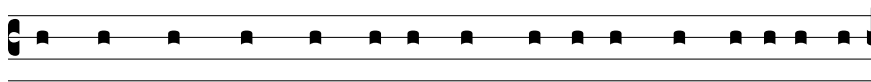
found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their tes-ti-



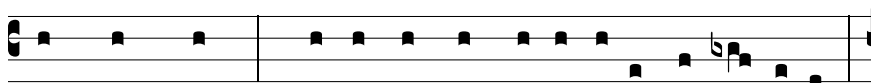
mony did not agree. Some took the stand and tes-tified falsely a-



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



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



made with hands.' " N: E-ven so their tes-ti-mony did not agree.



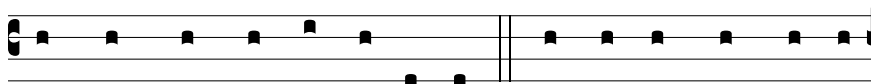
The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, say-



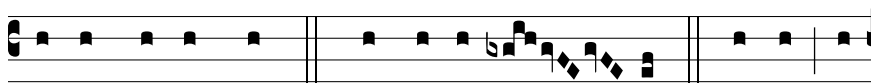
ing, S: "Have you no answer? What are these men tes-ti-fying a-



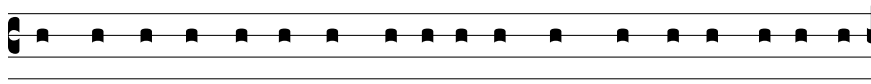
gainst you?" N: But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the



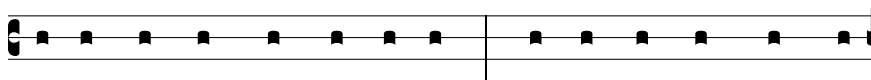
high priest asked him and said to him, S: "Are you the Christ, the son



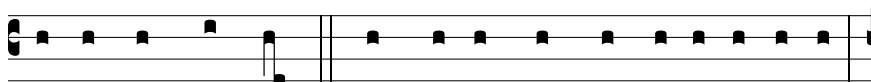
of the Blessed One?" N: Then Je-sus an- swered, J: "I am; and



'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and



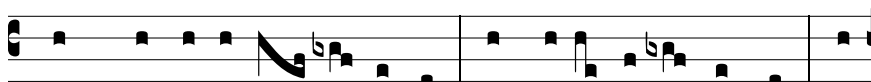
coming with the clouds of heaven.' " N: At that the high priest tore



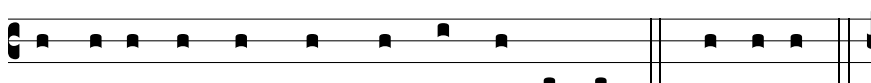
his garments and said, S: "What further need have we of witnesses?



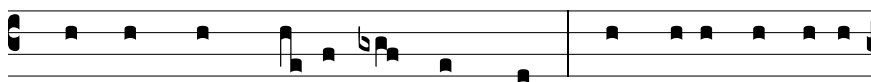
You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" N: They all con-



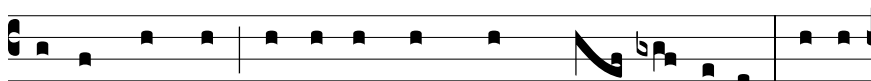
demned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They



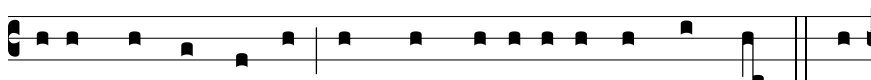
blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, S: "Prophe-sy!"



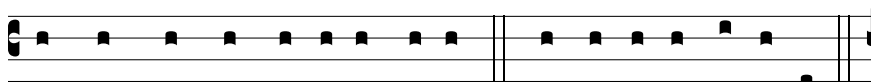
N: And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below



in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing



Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, S: "You



too were with the Naz-arene, Jesus." N: But he denied it saying,



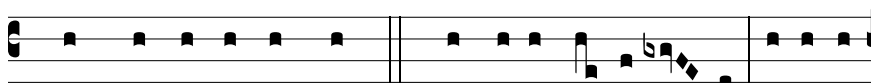
S: "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."



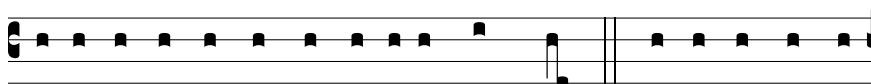
N: So he went out in-to the out-er court. Then the cock crowed.



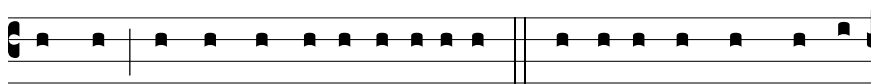
The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,



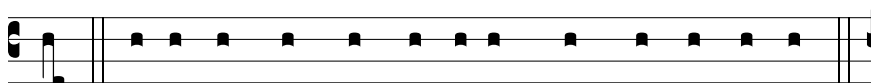
S: "This man is one of them." N: Once again he denied it. A lit-tle



lat-er the bystanders said to Peter once more, S: "Surely you are one



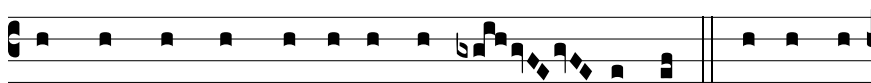
of them; for you too are a Gal-i-lean." N: He began to curse and to



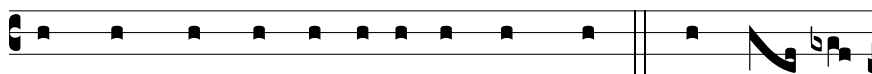
swear, S: "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."



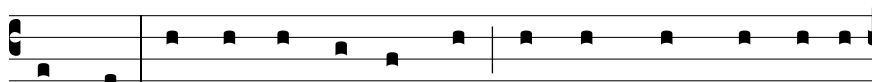
N: And immedi-ate-ly a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter re-



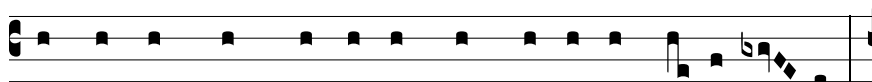
membered the word that Je-sus had said to him, J: "Before the



cock crows twice you will de-ny me three times.” N: He broke down



and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the el-



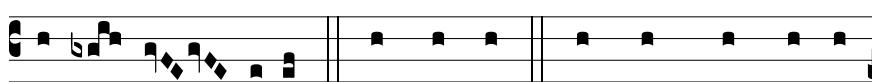
ders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a coun-cil.



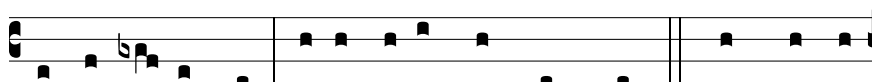
They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him o-ver to Pi-late.



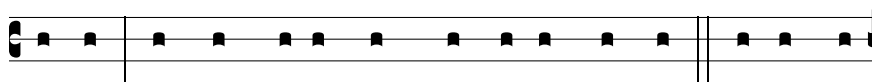
Pilate questioned him, S: “Are you the king of the Jews?” N: He said



to him in reply, J: “You say so.” N: The chief priests accused



him of man-y things. Again Pilate questioned him, S: “Have you no



answer? See how many things they accuse you of.” N: Je-sus gave



him no further answer, so that Pi-late was amazed. Now on the

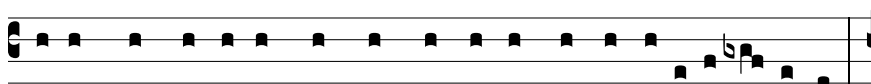




oc-casion of the feast he used to release to them one prison-er



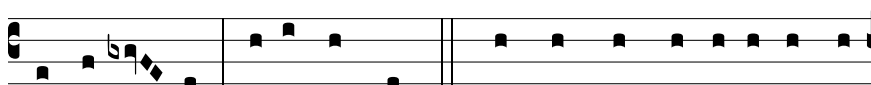
whom they request-ed. A man called Barabbas was then in prison



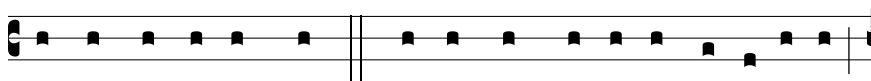
along with the rebels who had committed murder in a re-bel-li-on.



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



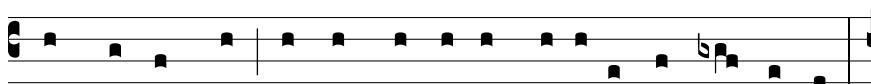
was ac-customed. Pilate answered, S: "Do you want me to release to



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



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



stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.



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



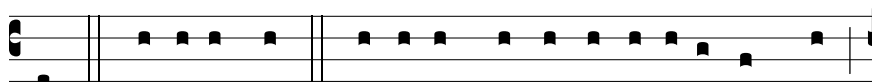
to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" N: They shout-



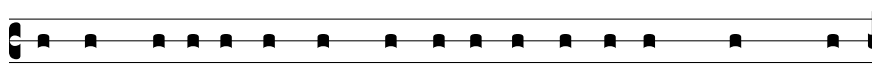
ed again, Cr: "Cruci-fy him." N: Pilate said to them, S: "Why? S0



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



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



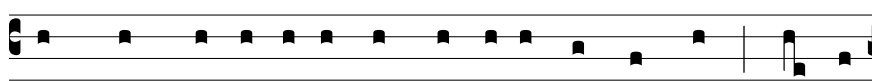
released Barabbas to them and, af-ter he had Je-sus scourged, hand-



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



palace, that is, the praeto-rium, and assembled the whole cohort.



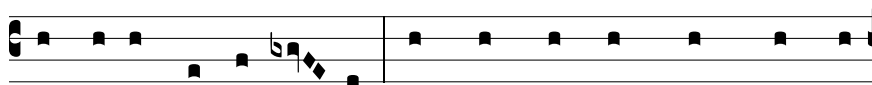
They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it



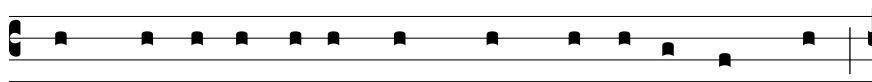
on him. They began to sa-lu-te him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"



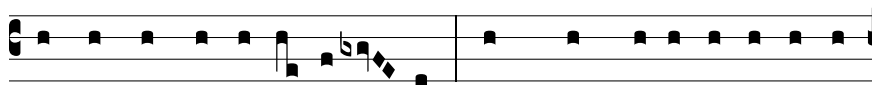
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting up-on him. They



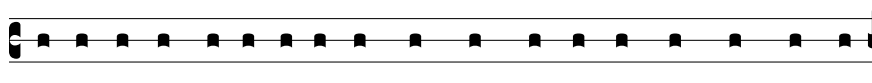
knelt before him in hom-age. And when they had mocked him, they



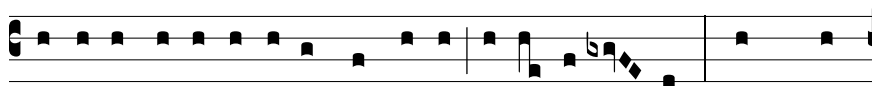
stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes,



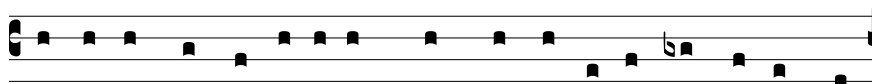
and led him out to cru-ci-fy him. They pressed in-to service a pass-



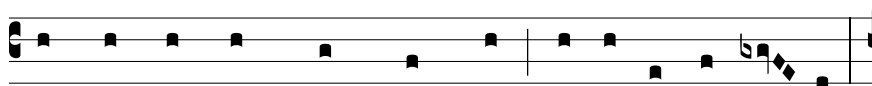
er-by, Simon, a Cy-re-ni-an, who was coming in from the country,



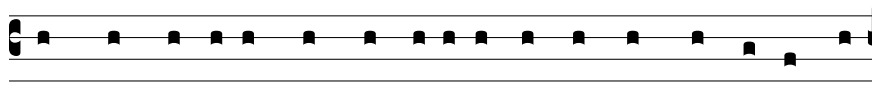
the father of Al-ex-ander and Rufus, to car-ry his cross. They brought



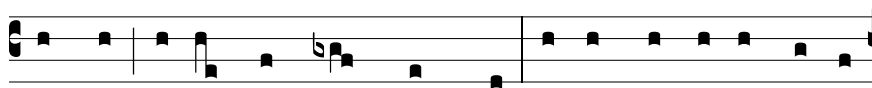
him to the place of Golgotha —which is translat-ed Place of the Skull.



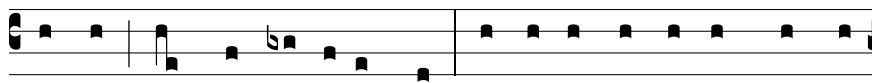
They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it.



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



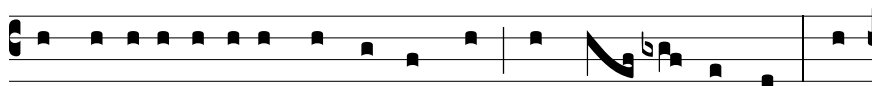
for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the



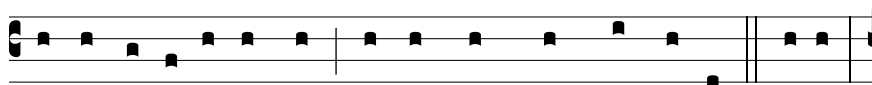
morning when they cru-cified him. The inscription of the charge a-



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



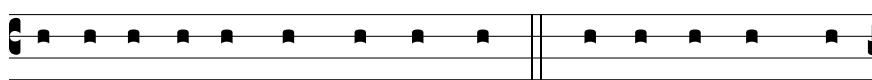
two rev-o-lutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those



passing by re-vil-ed him, shaking their heads and saying, S: "Aha!



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



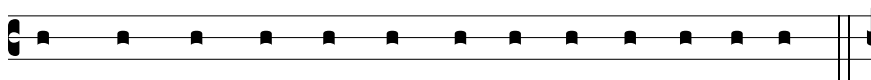
yourself by coming down from the cross." N: Likewise the chief priests,



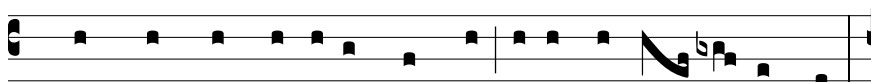
with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, S: "He saved



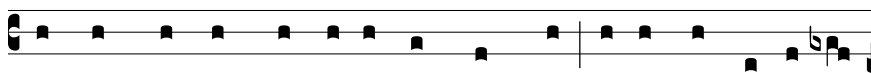
others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Is-ra-el,



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



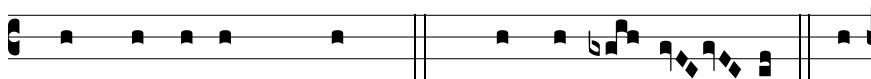
*N:* Those who were cru-cified with him al-so kept a- busing him.



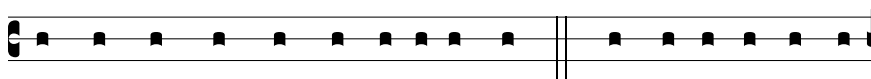
At noon darkness came o-ver the whole land un-til three in the af-



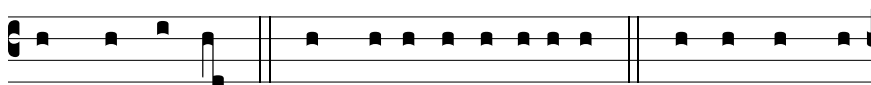
ternoon. And at three o'clock Je-sus cried out in a loud voice,



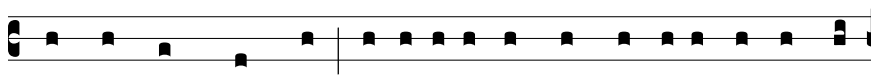
*J:* “Eloi, Eloi, le-ma sabachthani?” *N:* which is trans-lat- ed, *J:* “My



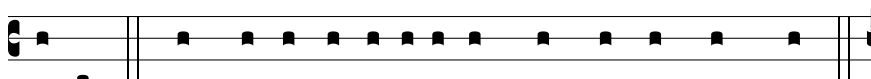
God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” *N:* Some of the bystanders



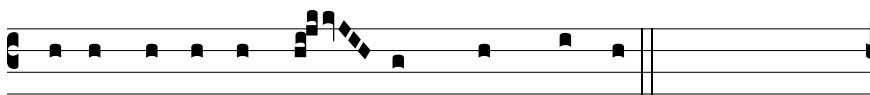
who heard it said, *S:* “Look, he is calling E-lijah.” *N:* One of them ran,



soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink

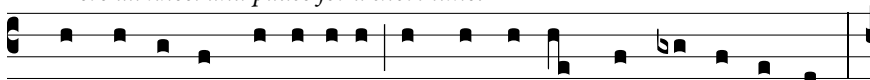


saying, *S:* “Wait, let us see if E-li-jah comes to take him down.”

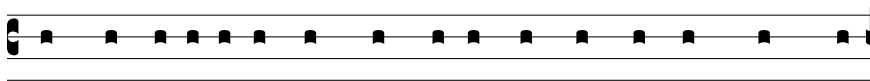


N: Je-sus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

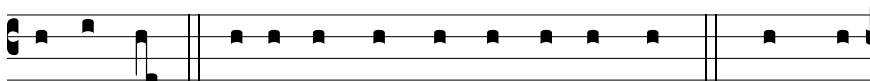
*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*



N: The veil of the sanctu-ar-y was torn in two from top to bottom.



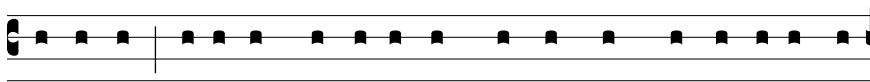
When the centu-ri-on who stood facing him saw how he breathed his



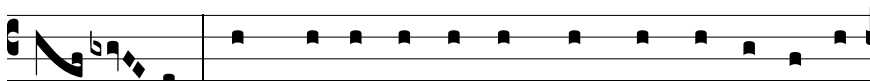
last he said, S: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" N: There were



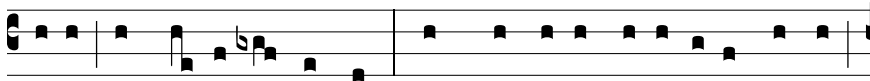
al-so women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary



Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and



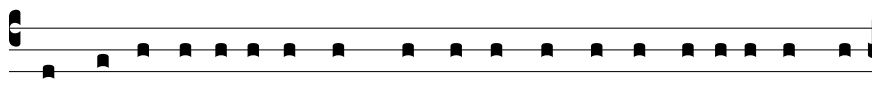
Sa-lo-me. These women had followed him when he was in Gal-



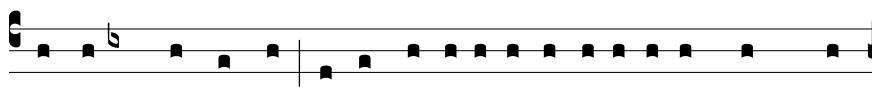
i-lee and min-istered to him. There were al-so many other women



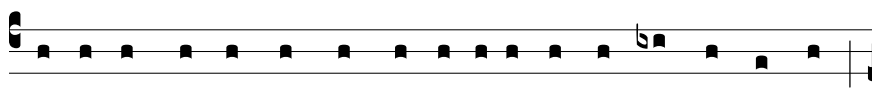
who had come up with him to Je-ru- salem.



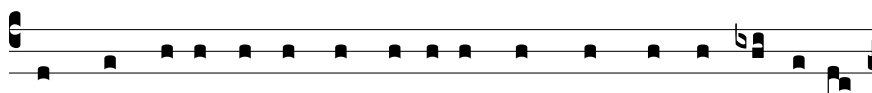
When it was already evening, since it was the day of prepa-ration, the



day before the sabbath, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a, a distinguished mem-



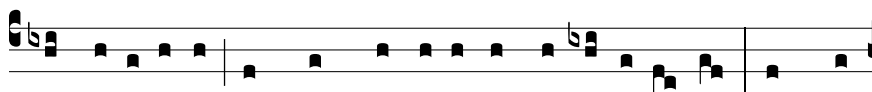
ber of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God,



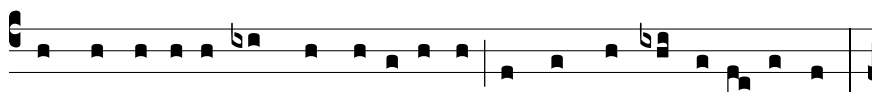
came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the bod-y of



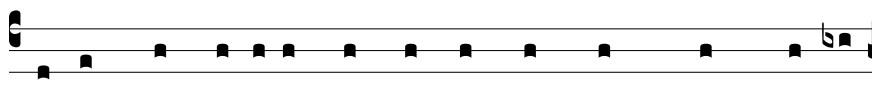
Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned



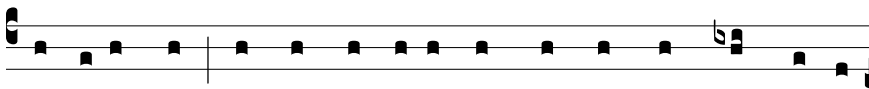
the centu-ri-on and asked him if Je-sus had already died. And when



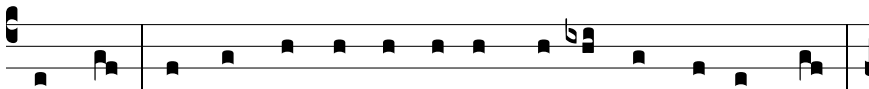
he learned of it from the centu-ri-on, he gave the bod-y to Joseph.



Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in



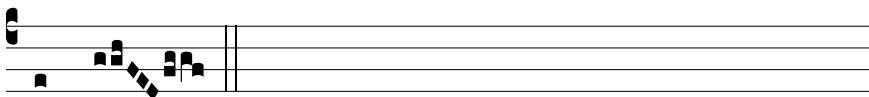
the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of



the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.



Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jos-es watched where he



was laid.