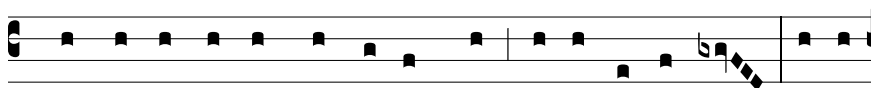


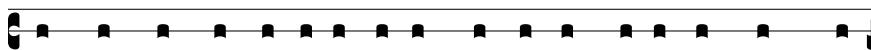
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THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

## PASSIO



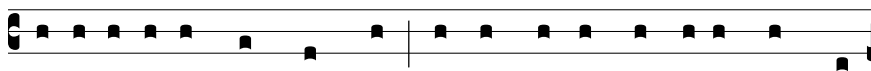
N: The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John. Je-sus



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



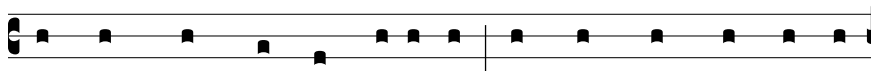
was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ciples entered. Judas his



betray-er 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



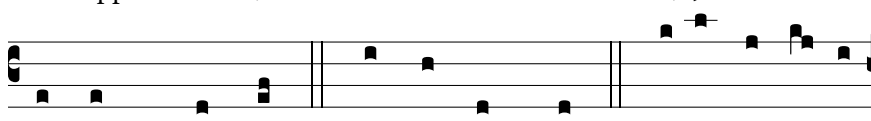
the chief priests and the Phari-sees and went there with lanterns,



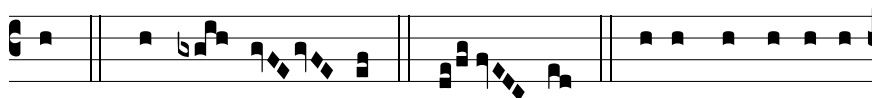
torch-es, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going



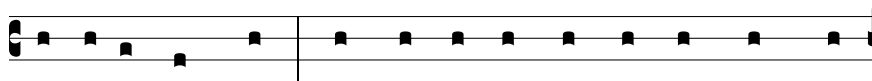
to happen to him, went out and said to them, J: "Whom



are you looking for?" N: They answered him, Cr: "Jesus the Na-zo-



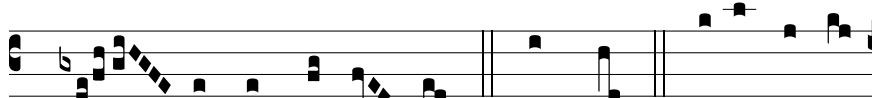
rean." N: He said to them, J: "I AM." N: Judas his betrayer



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-



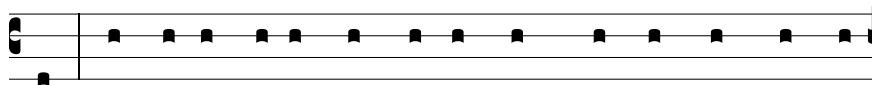
zorean." N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "I told you that I AM.



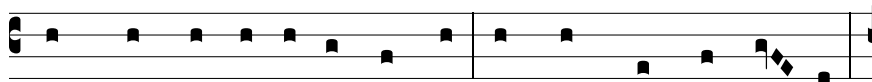
So if you are looking for me, let these men go." N: This was to



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

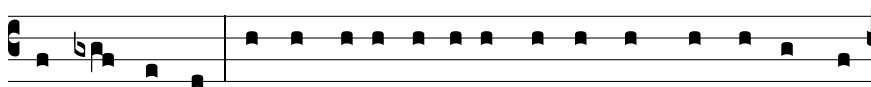


me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high



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

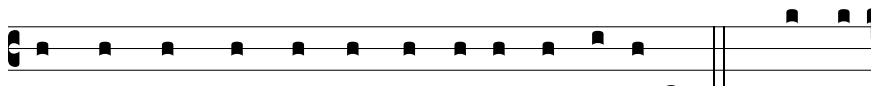




the gate outside. So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high



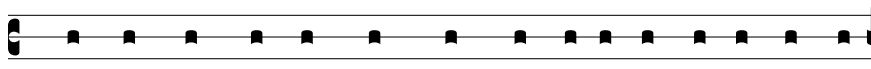
priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Pe-ter in.



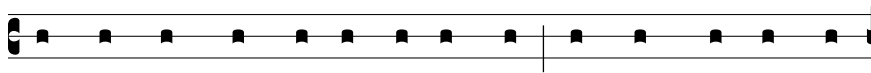
Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter: "You are not



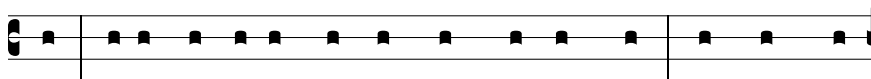
one of this man's dis-ciples, are you?" N: He said, S: "I am not."



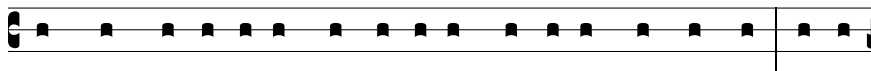
N: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire



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



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



questioned Je-sus about his dis-ciples and about his doctrine. Je-sus



answered him, *J*: “I have spoken public-ly to the world.



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



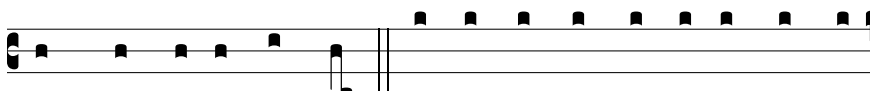
all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me?



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



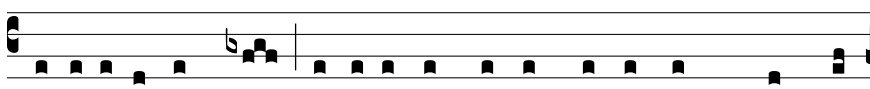
said." N: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing



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



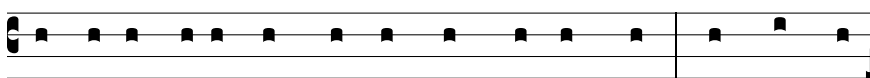
priest?" N: Je-sus answered him, J: "If I have spoken wrongly,



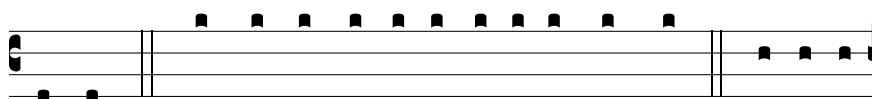
tes-ti-fy to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike



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



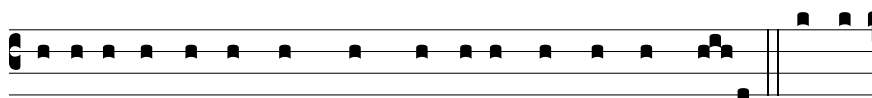
Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said



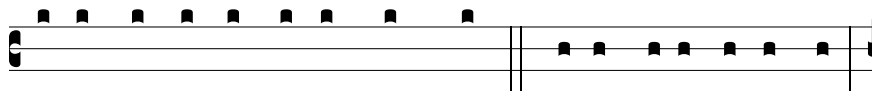
to him, *Cr*: "You are not one of his dis-ciples, are you?" *N*: He denied



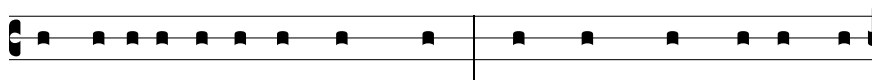
it and said, *S*: "I am not." *N*: One of the slaves of the high priest,



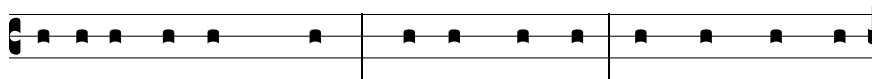
a rel-a-tive of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, *S*: "Didn't



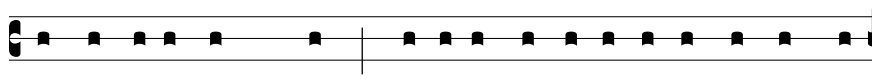
I see you in the garden with him?" *N*: Again Peter denied it.



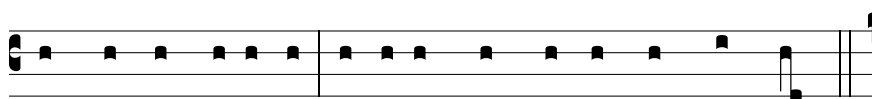
And immedi-ate-ly the cock crowed. Then they brought Je-sus from



Cai-aphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves



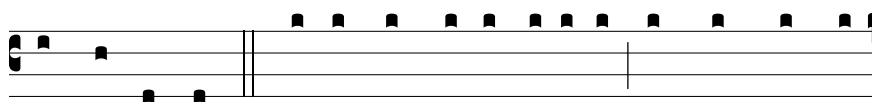
did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they



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



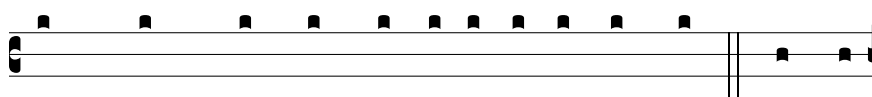
*S*: "What charge do you bring against this man?" *N*: They answered



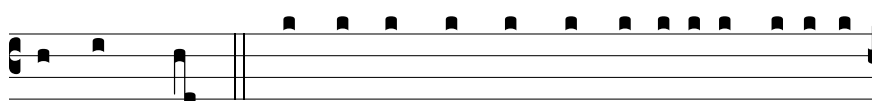
and said to him, *Cr*: "If he were not a crimi-nal, we would not have



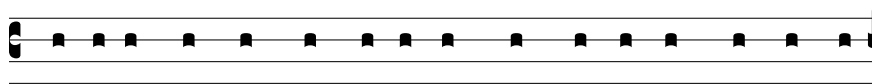
handed him o-ver to you." *N*: At this, Pilate said to them, *S*: "Take



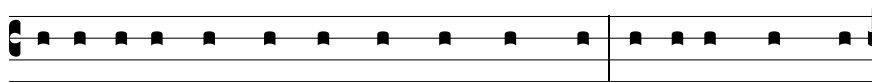
him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." *N*: The Jews



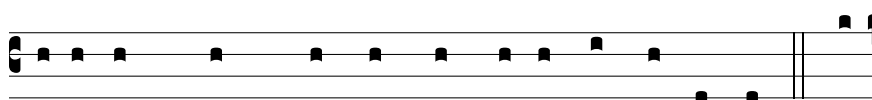
answered him, *Cr*: "We do not have the right to ex-ecute an-yone,"



*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







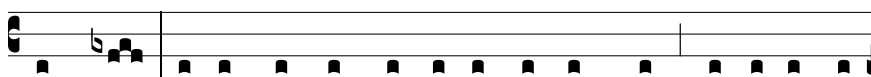
N: Pilate answered, S: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and



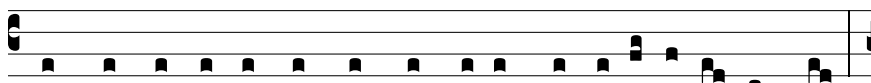
the chief priests handed you o-ver to me. What have you done?"



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



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



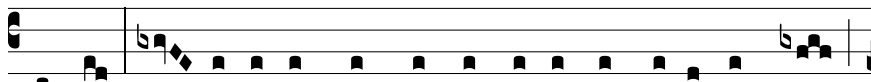
would be fighting to keep me from being handed o-ver to the Jews.



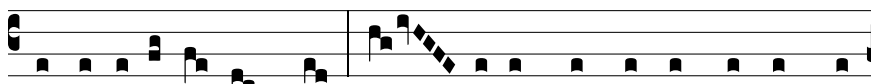
But as it is, my kingdom is not here." N: So Pilate said to him,



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

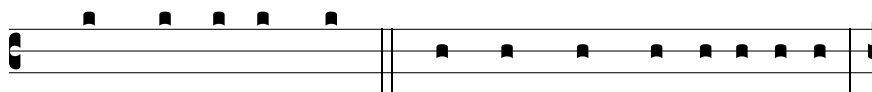


a king. For this I was born and for this I came in-to the world,

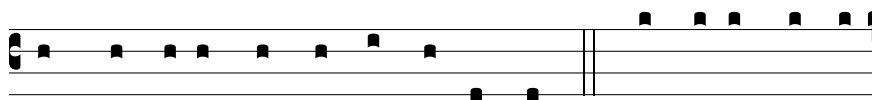


to tes-ti-fy to the truth. Eve- ryone who belongs to the truth

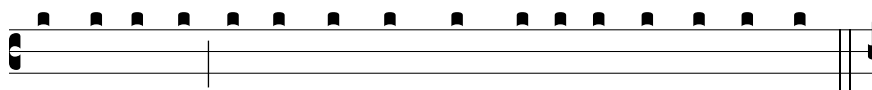




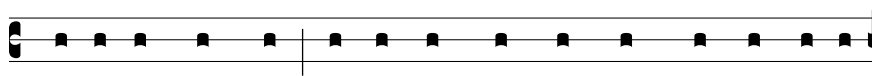
*Cr:* "Hail, King of the Jews!" *N:* And they struck him repeated-ly.



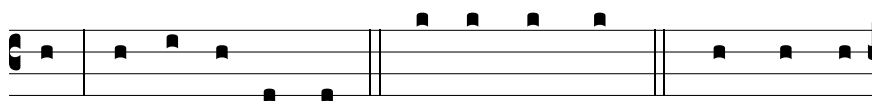
Once more Pilate went out and said to them, *S:* "Look, I am bringing



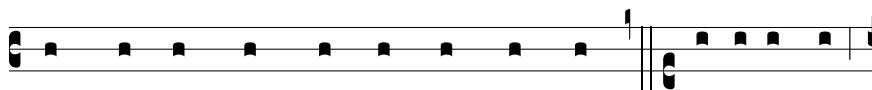
him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."



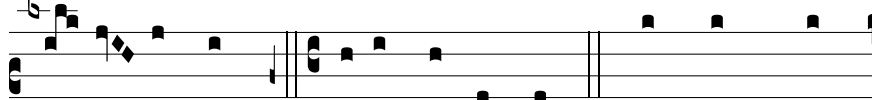
*N:* So Je-sus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple



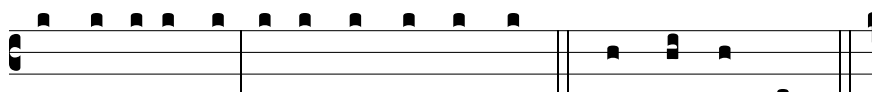
cloak. And he said to them, *S:* "Behold, the man!" *N:* When the chief



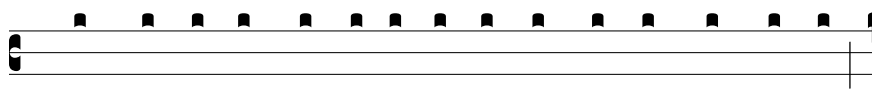
priests and the guards saw him they cried out, *Cr:* "Cruci-fy him,



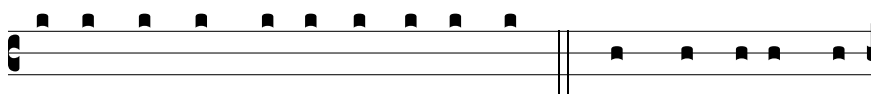
cru- ci- fy him!" *N:* Pilate said to them, *S:* "Take him yourselves



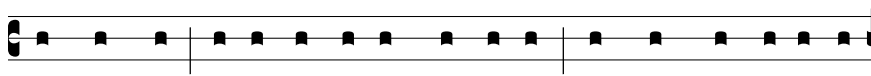
and cru-ci-fy him. I find no guilt in him." *N:* The Jews answered,



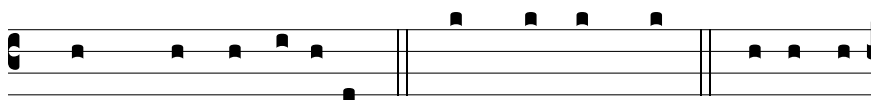
*Cr:* "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die,



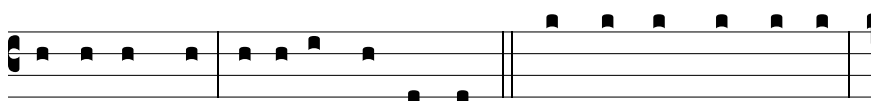
because he made himself the Son of God.” *N*: Now when Pilate heard



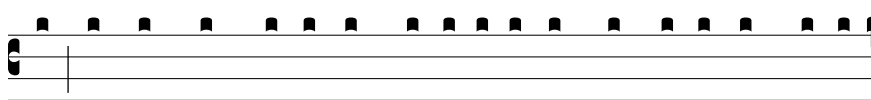
this statement, he became e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the



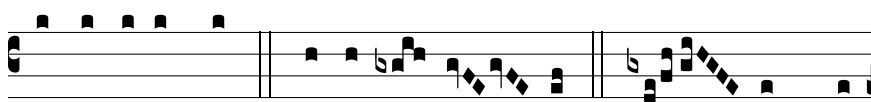
praetorium and said to Jesus, *S*: “Where are you from?” *N*: Je-sus did



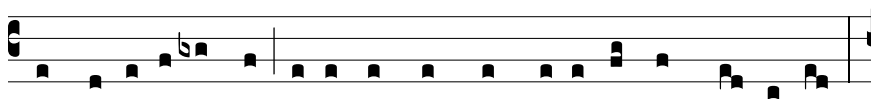
not answer him. So Pilate said to him, *S*: “Do you not speak to me?



Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power



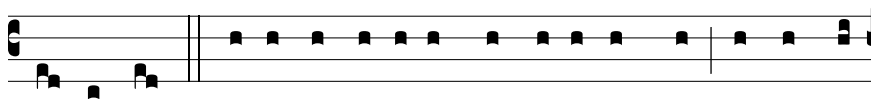
to cru-ci-fy you?” *N*: Je-sus answered him, *J*: “You would have



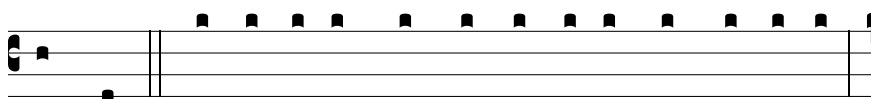
no power o-ver me if it had not been given to you from above.



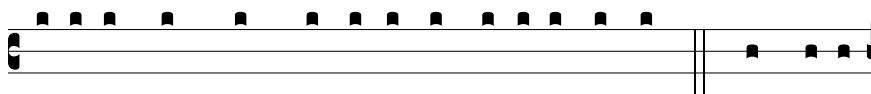
For this reason the one who handed me o-ver to you has the



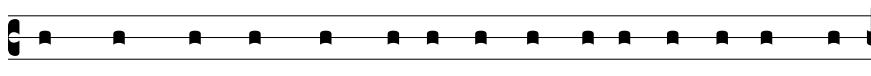
great-er sin.” *N*: Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews



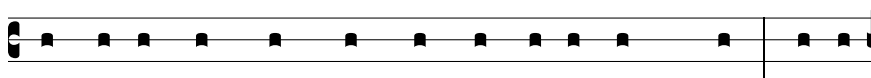
cried out, *Cr*: "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar.



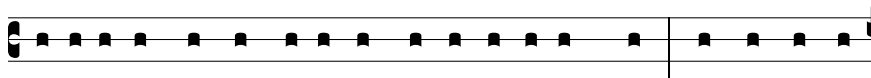
Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." *N*: When Pilate



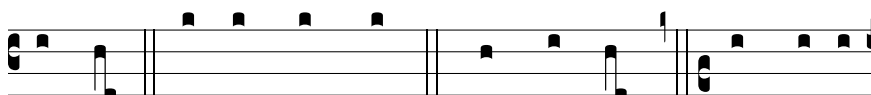
heard these words he brought Je-sus out and seated him on the judge's



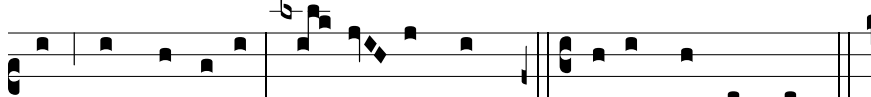
bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was



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



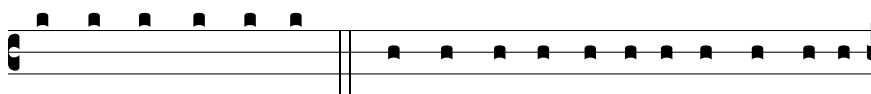
the Jews, *S*: "Behold, your king!" *N*: They cried out, *Cr*: "Take him a-



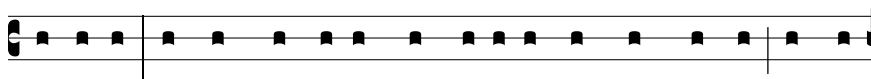
way, take him away! Cru- ci- fy him!" *N*: Pilate said to them,



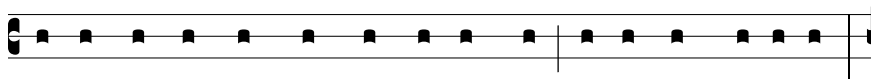
*S*: "Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?" *N*: The chief priests answered, *Cr*: "We



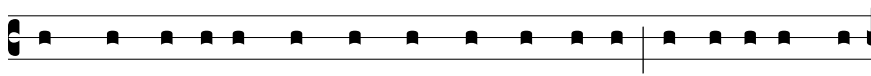
have no king but Caesar." *N*: Then he handed him o-ver to them to be



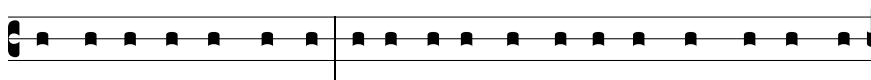
cru-cified. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went



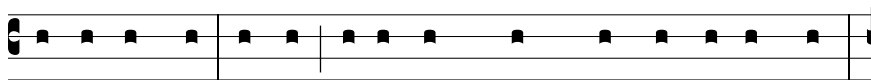
out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.



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



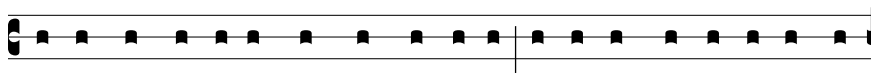
with Je-sus in the middle. Pilate al-so had an inscription written and



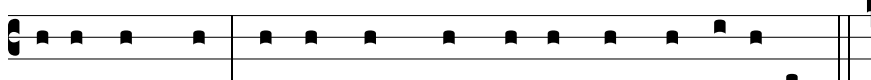
put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews."



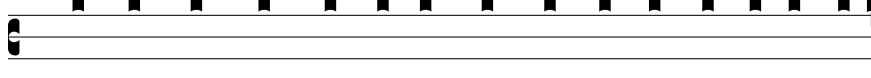
Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where



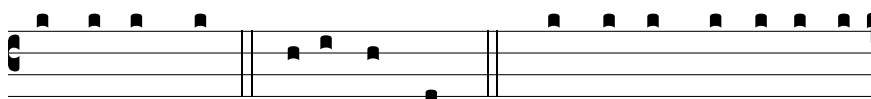
Je-sus was cru-cified was near the cit-y; and it was written in Hebrew,



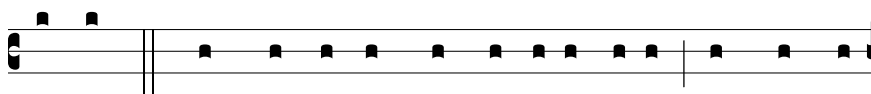
Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,



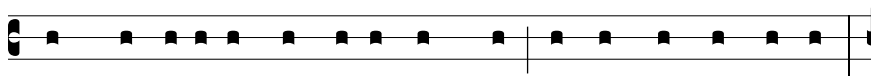
*Cr:* "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the



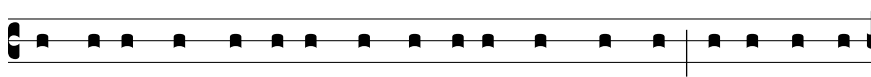
King of the Jews.” N: Pilate answered, S: “What I have written, I have



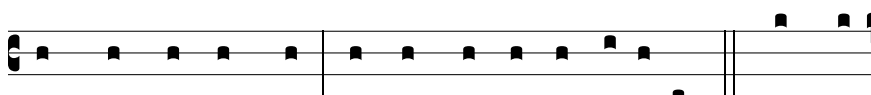
written.” N: When the soldiers had cru-cified Jesus, they took his



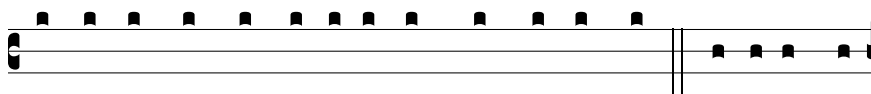
clothes and divided them in-to four shares, a share for each soldier.



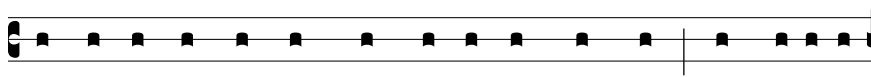
They al-so took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one



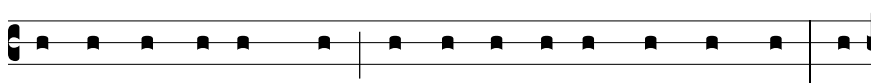
piece from the top down. So they said to one another, Cr: “Let’s not



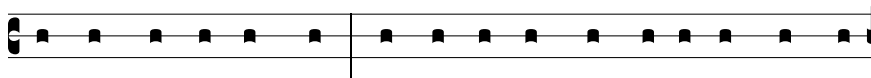
tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,” N: in order that



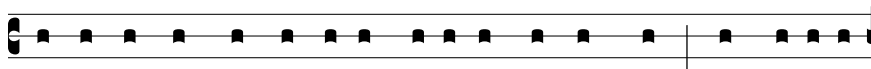
the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: “They divided



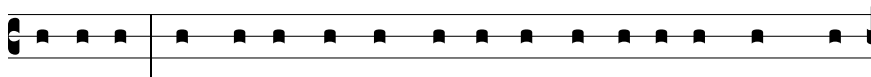
my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.” This



is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Je-sus were his



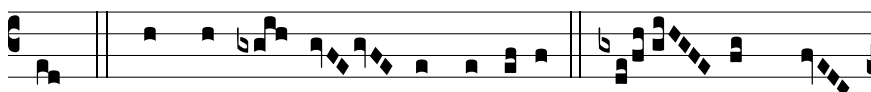
mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of



Magda-la. When Je-sus saw his mother and the dis-ci-ple there whom



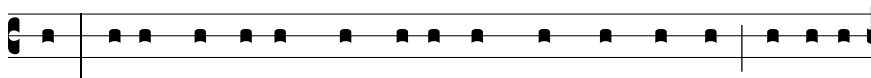
he loved he said to his mother, *J*: "Wom- an, behold, your



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



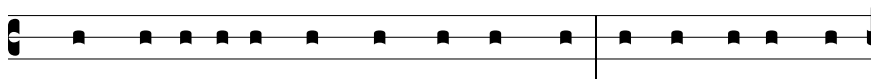
mother." *N*: And from that hour the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his



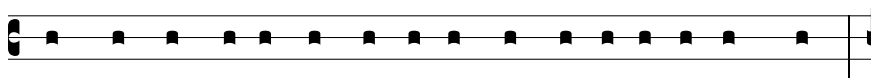
home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order



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

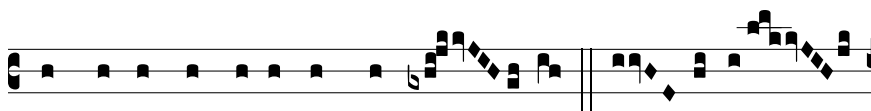


*N*: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge

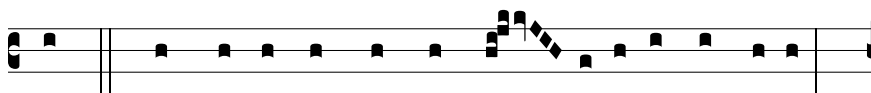


soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.



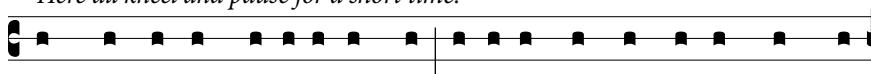


When Je-sus had taken the wine, he said, J: "It is fin-



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

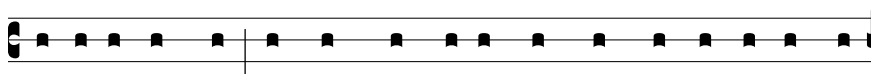
*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*



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



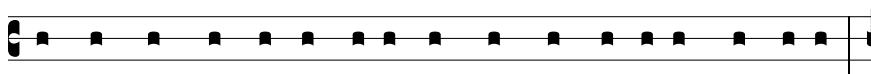
remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week



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



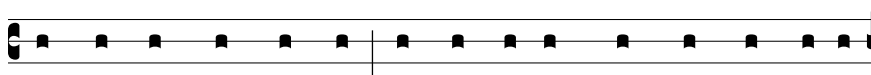
that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of



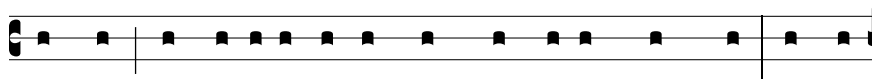
the first and then of the other one who was cru-cified with Jesus.



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



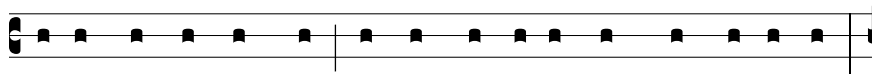
they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to



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.



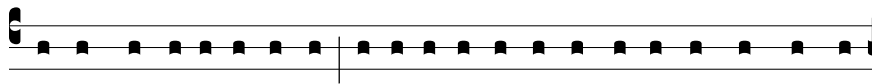
For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:



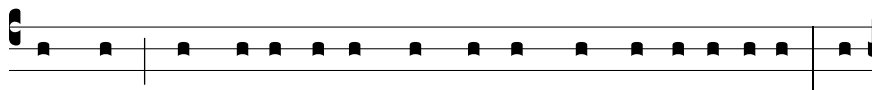
“Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says:



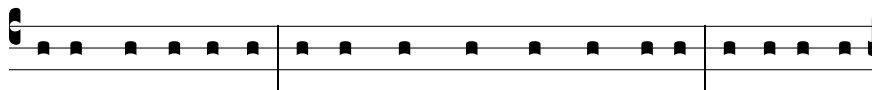
“They will look upon him whom they have pierced.” After this,



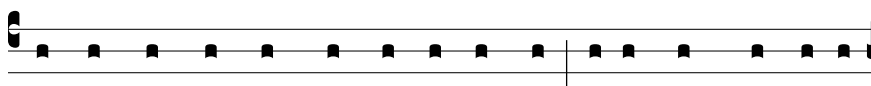
Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a, secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus for fear of



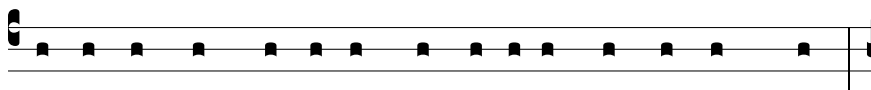
the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the bod-y of Jesus. And



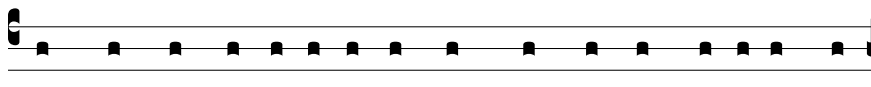
Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nic-o-demus,



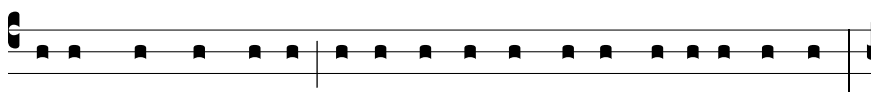
the one who had first come to him at night, al-so came bringing a



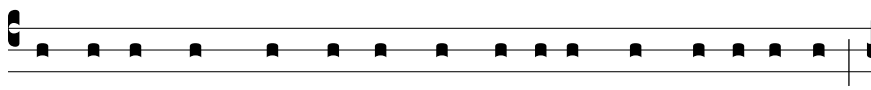
mixture of myrrh and al-oes weighing about one hundred pounds.



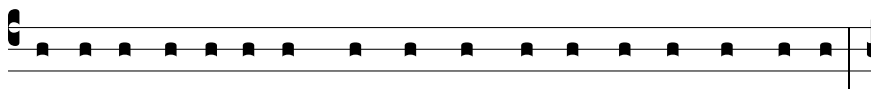
They took the bod-y of Je-sus and bound it with bur-i- al cloths



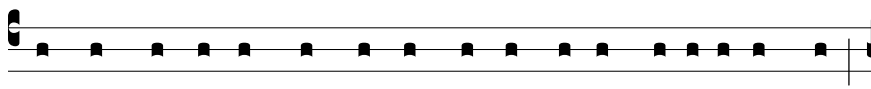
along with the spices, according to the Jewish bur-i- al custom.



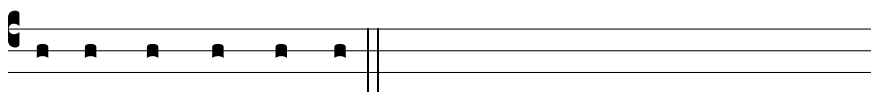
Now in the place where he had been cru-cified there was a garden,



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.