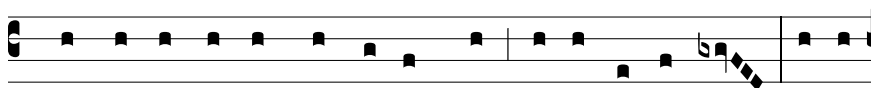


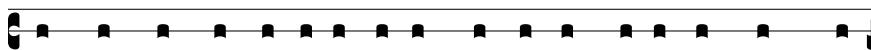
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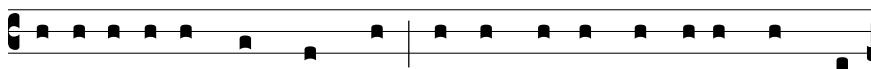
N: The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John. Je-sus



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



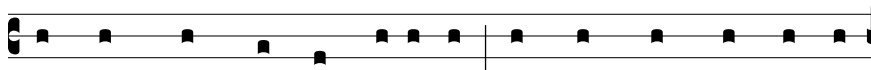
was a garden, in-to which he and his dis-ci-ples entered. Judas his



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



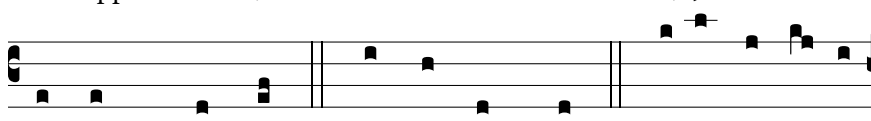
the chief priests and the Phari-sees and went there with lanterns,



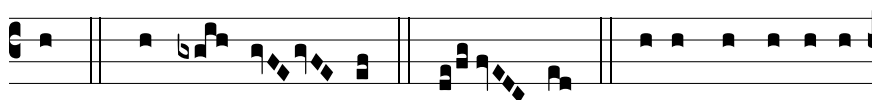
torch-es, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going



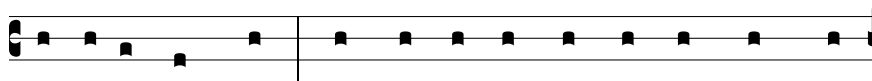
to happen to him, went out and said to them, J: "Whom



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.



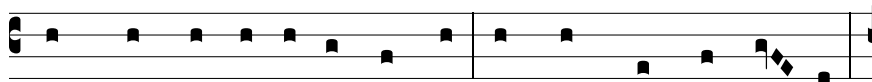
So if you are looking for me, let these men go." N: This was to



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



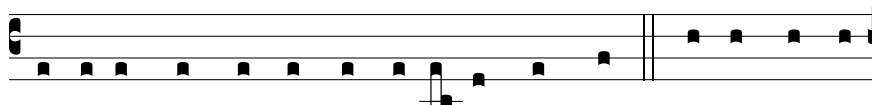
me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high



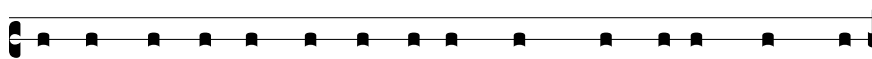
priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal-chus.



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



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



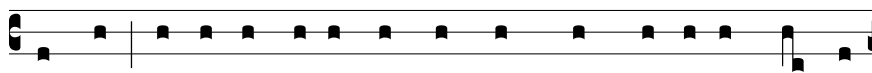
soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him,



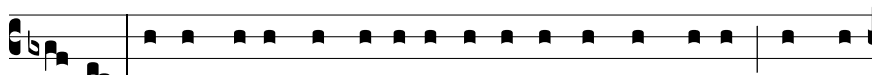
and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Cai-aphas,



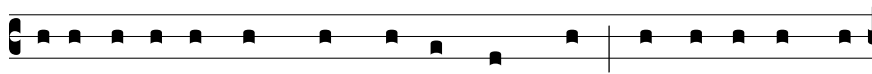
who was high priest that year. It was Cai-aphas who had counseled



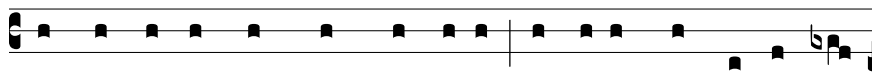
the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the



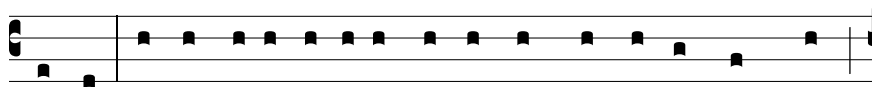
people. Simon Peter and another dis-ci-ple followed Jesus. Now the



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



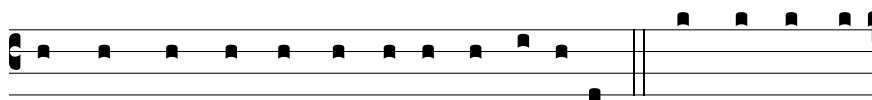
courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate



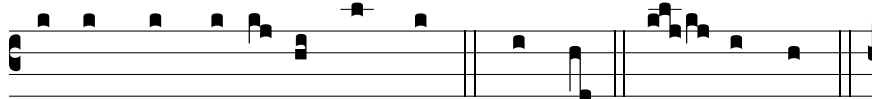
outside. So the other dis-ciple, the acquaintance of the high priest,



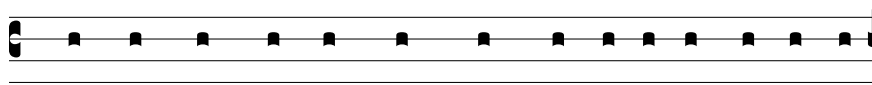
went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Pe-ter in. Then



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



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



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



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



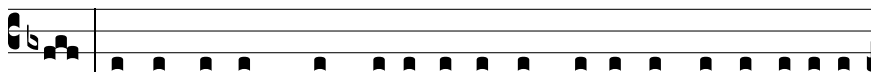
themselves. Peter was al-so standing there keeping warm. The high



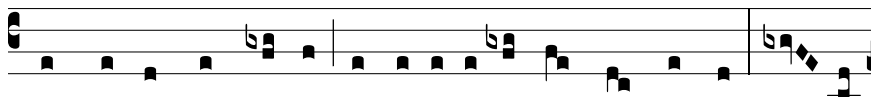
priest questioned Je-sus about his dis-ciples and a-bout his doctrine.



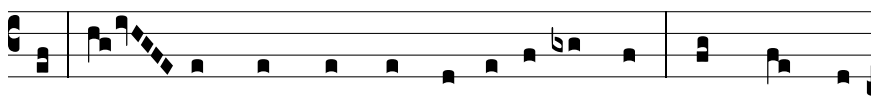
Je-sus an- swered him, J: "I have spoken public-ly to the



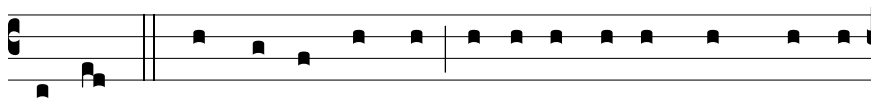
world. I have always taught in a syn-agogue or in the temple ar-e a



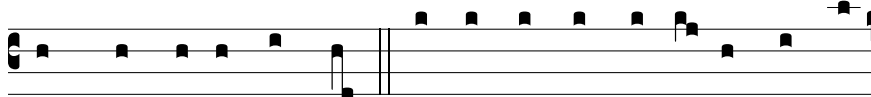
where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask



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



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



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



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



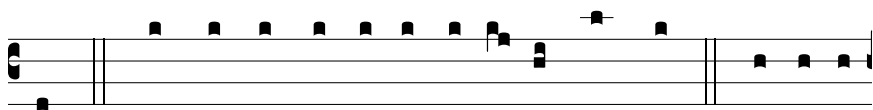
tes-ti-fy to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike



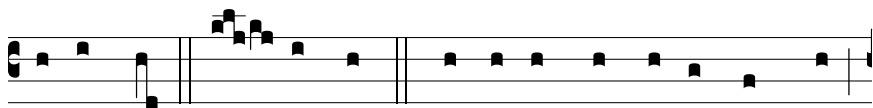
me?" N: Then Annas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest.



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



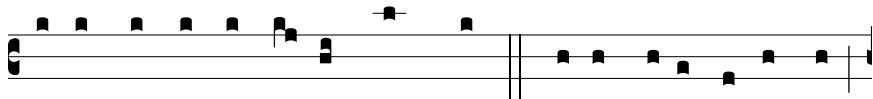
him, Cr: "You are not one of his dis-ci-ples, are you?" N: He denied



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



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



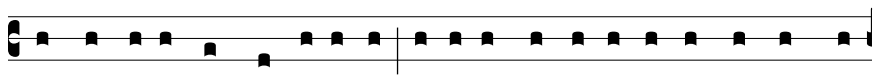
I see you in the garden with him?" N: Again Peter denied it.



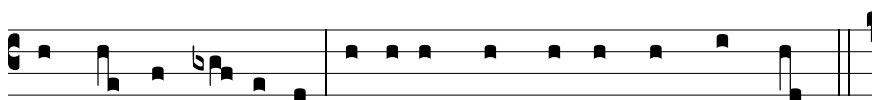
And immedi-ate-ly the cock crowed. Then they brought Je-sus from



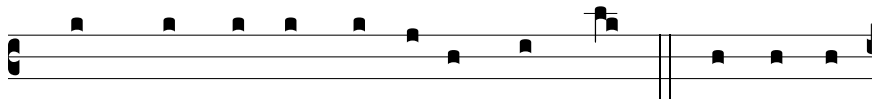
Cai-aphas to the praetor-i-um. It was morn-ing. And they themselves



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



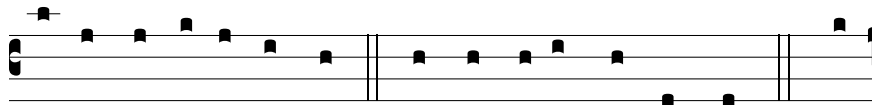
could eat the Pass-o-ver. So Pilate came out to them and said,



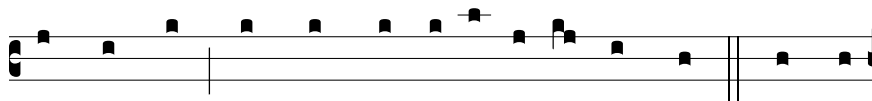
S: "What charge do you bring against this man?" N: They answered



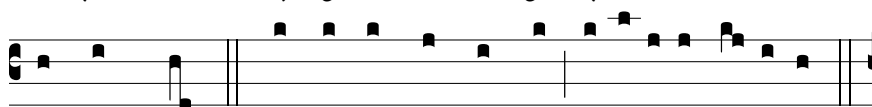
and said to him, *Cr*: "If he were not a crimi-nal, we would not have



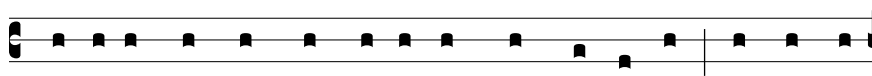
handed him o-ver to you." *N*: At this, Pilate said to them, *S*: "Take



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,"



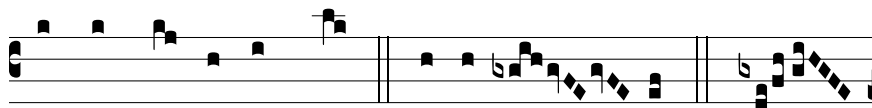
N: in order that the word of Je-sus might be fulfilled that he said



in-di-cating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back



in-to the praetor-i-um and summoned Je-sus and said to him, *S*: "Are



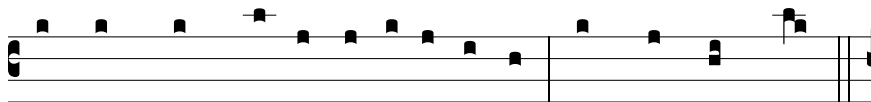
you the King of the Jews?" *N*: Je-sus an- swered, *J*: "Do



you say this on your own or have others told you a-bout me?"



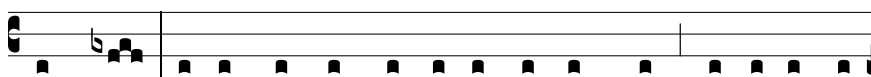
N: Pilate answered, S: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and



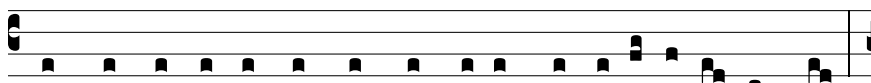
the chief priests handed you o-ver to me. What have you done?"



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



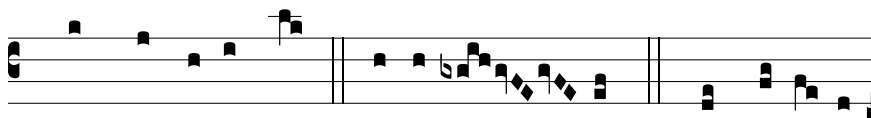
this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants



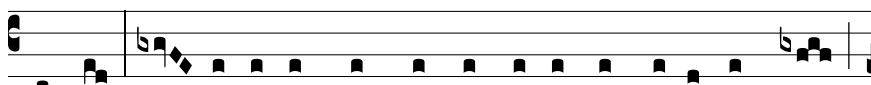
would be fighting to keep me from being handed o-ver to the Jews.



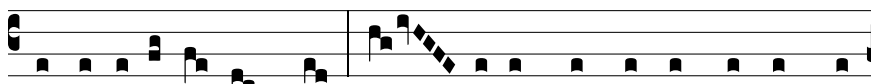
But as it is, my kingdom is not here." N: So Pilate said to him,



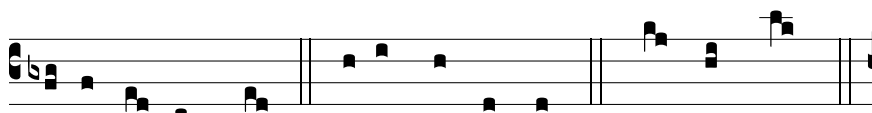
S: "Then you are a king?" N: Je-sus an- swered, J: "You say I am



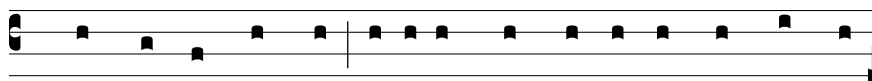
a king. For this I was born and for this I came in-to the world,



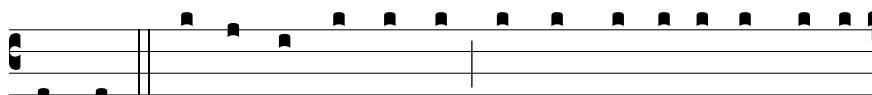
to tes-ti-fy to the truth. Eve- ryone who belongs to the truth



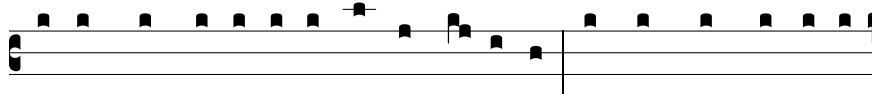
listens to my voice." N: Pilate said to him, S: "What is truth?"



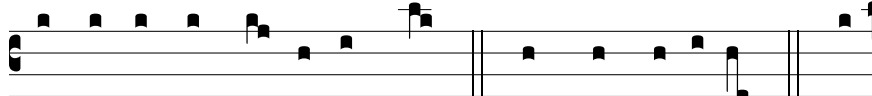
N: When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said



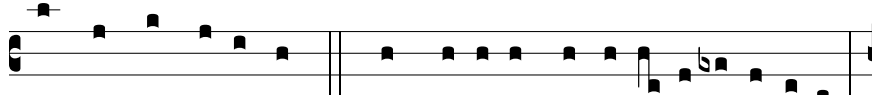
to them, S: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I



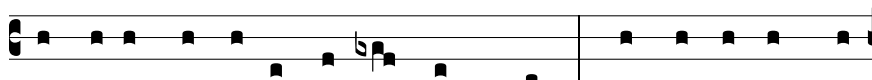
release one prison-er to you at Pass-o-ver. Do you want me to re-



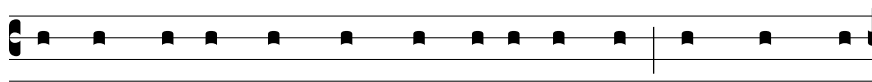
lease to you the King of the Jews?" N: They cried out again, Cr: "Not



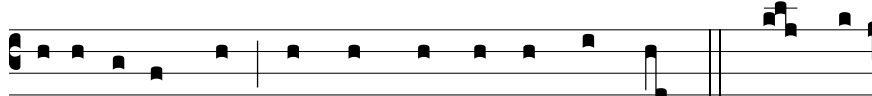
this one but Barabbas!" N: Now Barabbas was a rev-o-lutionar-y.



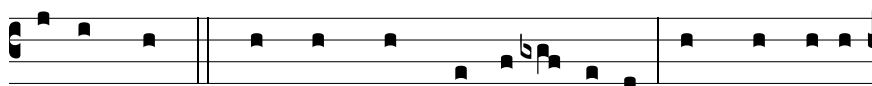
Then Pilate took Je-sus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove



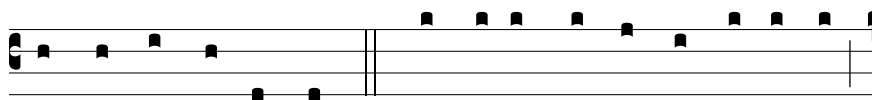
a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him



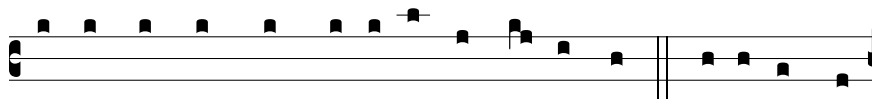
in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, Cr: "Hail, King



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



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



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



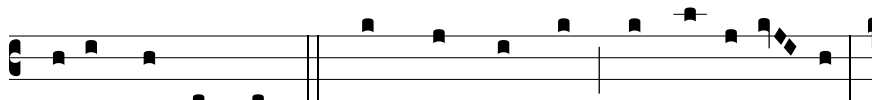
out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said



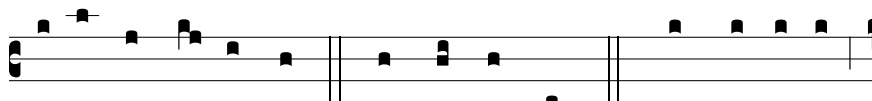
to them, *S:* "Be-hold, the man!" *N:* When the chief priests and the



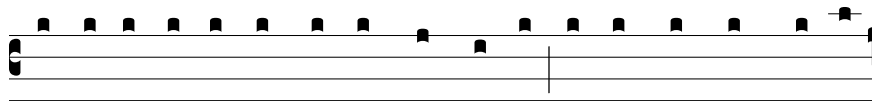
guards saw him they cried out, *Cr:* "Cruci-fy him, cru- ci- fy him!"



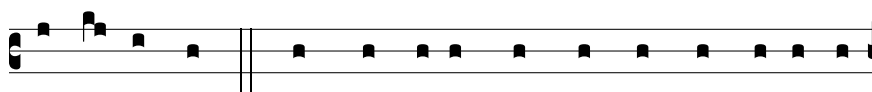
N: Pilate said to them, *S:* "Take him yourselves and cru-ci-fy him.



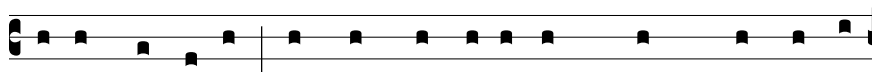
I find no guilt in him." *N:* The Jews answered, *Cr:* "We have a law,



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



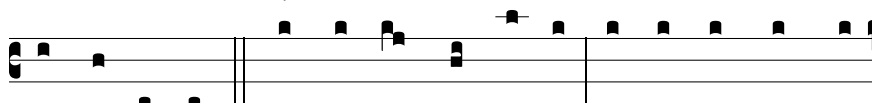
the Son of God.” *N*: Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became



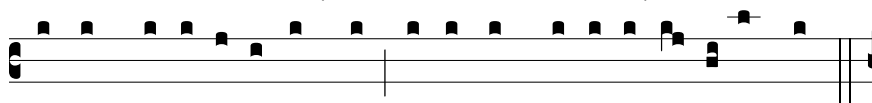
e-ven more afraid, and went back in-to the praetorium and said to



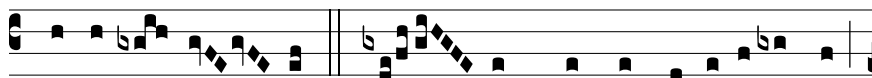
Jesus, *S*: “Where are you from?” *N*: Je-sus did not answer him. So Pi-



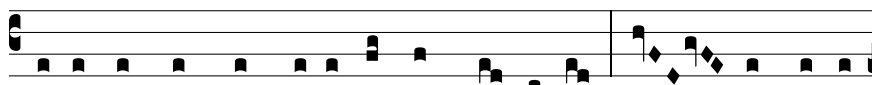
late said to him, *S*: “Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that



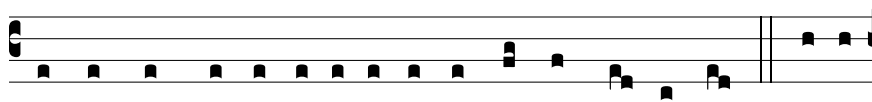
I have power to release you and I have power to cru-ci-fy you?”



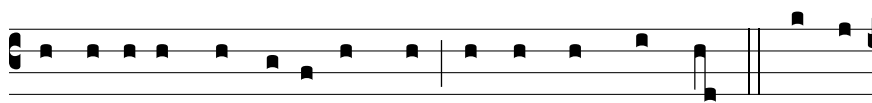
N: Je-sus answered him, *J*: “You would have no power o-ver me



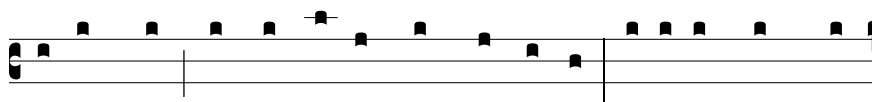
if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason



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



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



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



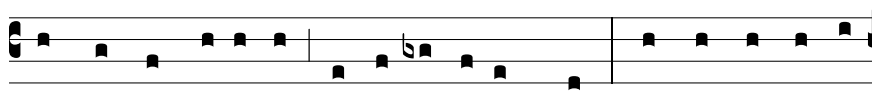
himself a king opposes Caesar.” *N:* When Pilate heard these words



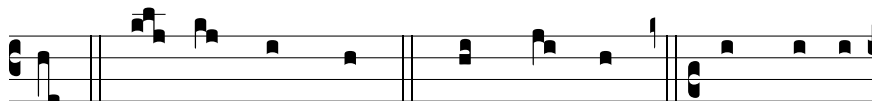
he brought Je-sus out and seated him on the judge’s bench in the



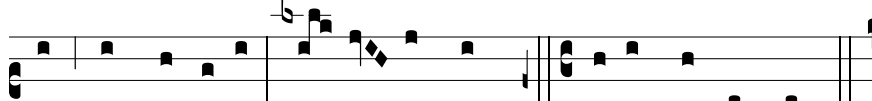
place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was prepa-ra-



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



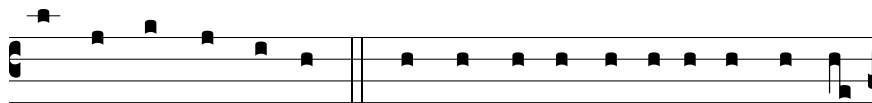
Jews, *S:* “Be-hold, your king!” *N:* They cried out, *Cr:* “Take him a-



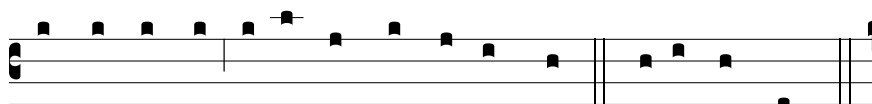
way, take him away! Cru-ci- fy him!” *N:* Pilate said to them,



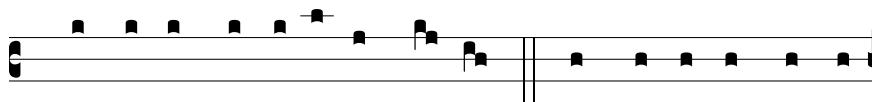
S: “Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?” *N:* The chief priests answered, *Cr:* “We



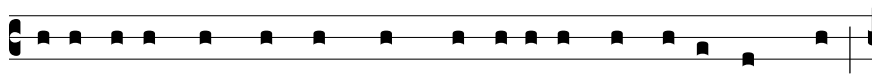
have no king but Caesar.” *N:* Then he handed him o-ver to them to



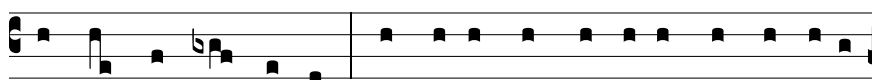
but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" N: Pilate answered,



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



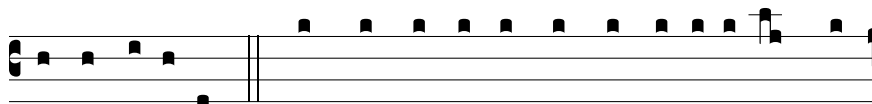
cified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them in-to four shares,



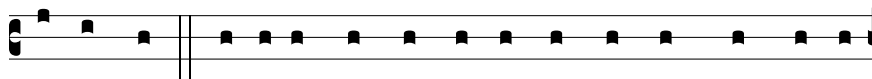
a share for each soldier. They al-so took his tunic, but the tunic



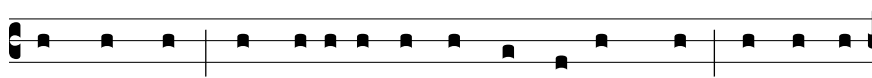
was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said



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



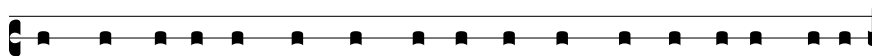
it will be," N: in order that the passage of Scripture might be ful-



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



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



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



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



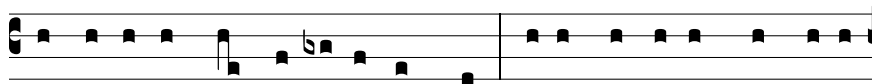
mother and the dis-ci-ple there whom he loved he said to his



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



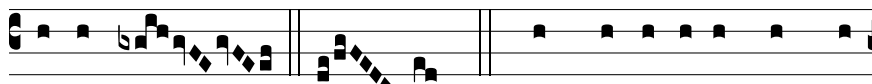
the dis-ci-ple, *J*: "Be- hold, your mother." *N*: And from that hour



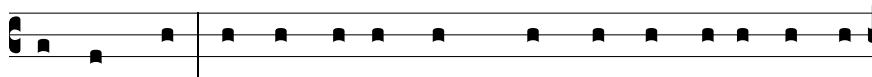
the dis-ci-ple took her in-to his home. After this, aware that every-



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



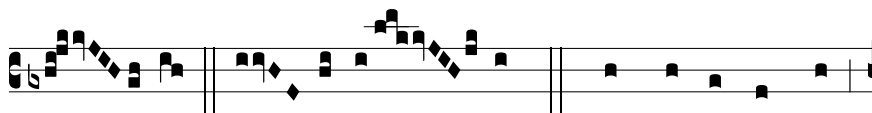
Je-sus said, *J*: "I thirst." *N*: There was a vessel filled with



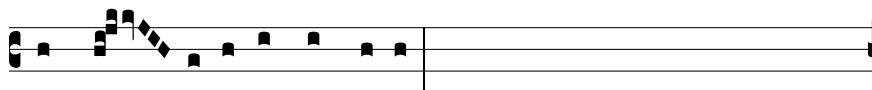
common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of



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

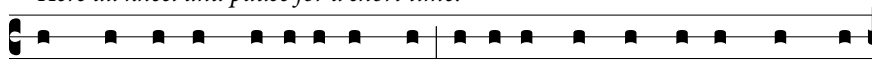


he said, J: "It is fin-ished." N: And bowing his head,

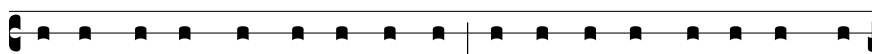


he hand- ed o-ver the spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.



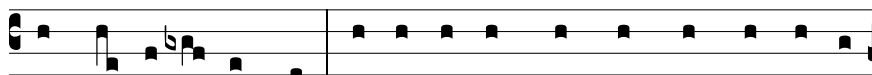
Now since it was prepa-ration day, in order that the bodies might not



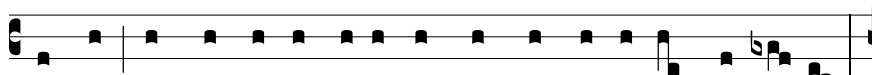
remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week



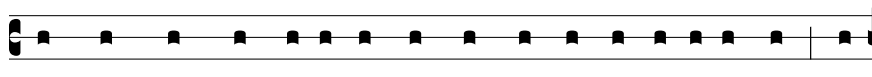
was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and



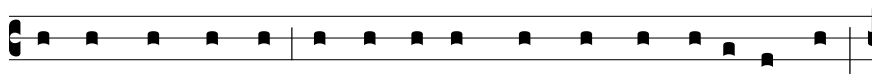
that they be tak-en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of



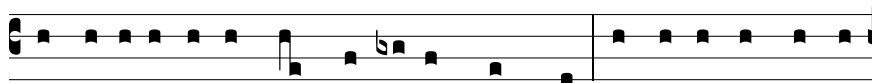
the first and then of the other one who was cru-ci-fied with Je-sus.



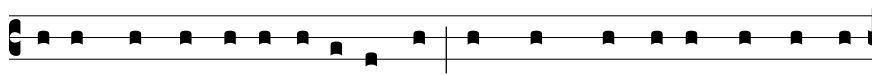
But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead, they



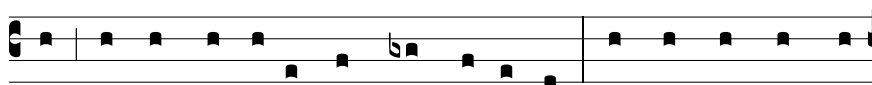
did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to his side,



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



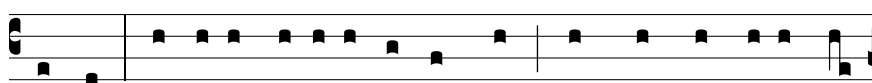
tified, and his tes-ti-mony is true; he knows that he is speaking the



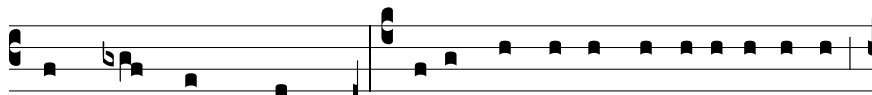
truth, so that you al-so may come to believe. For this happened so



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



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



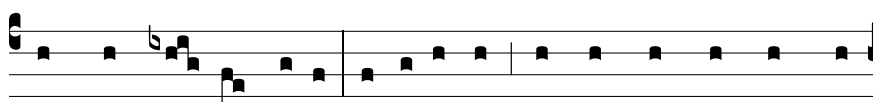
whom they have pierced." After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a,



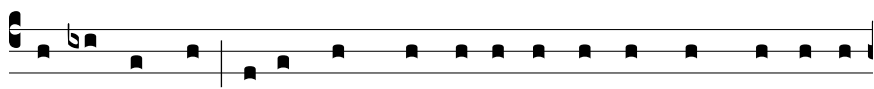
secretly a dis-ci-ple of Je-sus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he



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



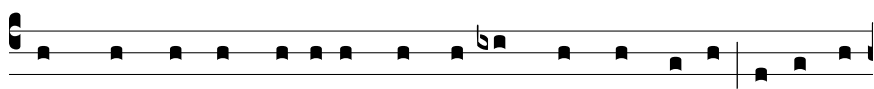
came and took his body. Nic-o-demus, the one who had first come



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



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



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



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



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



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



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