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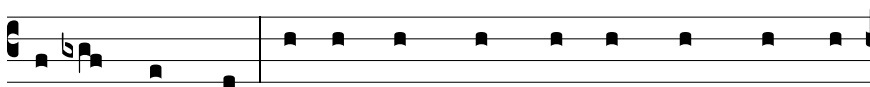
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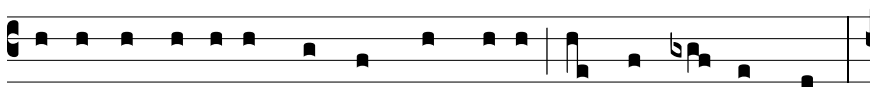
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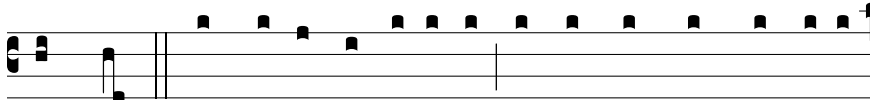
The Passo-ver and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place



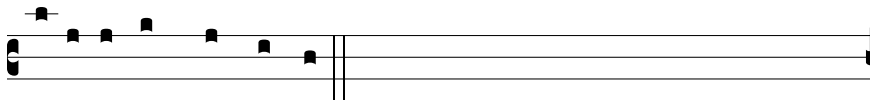
in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seek-



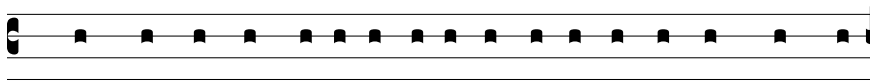
ing a way to arrest him by treach-er-y and put him to death.



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



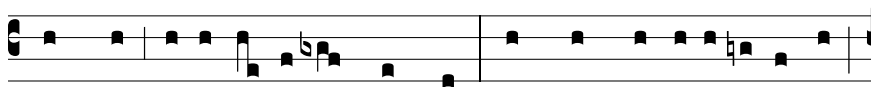
ri-ot among the people."



N: When he was in Betha-ny reclining at ta-ble in the house of



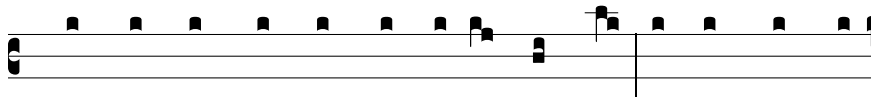
Simon the leper, a woman came with an al-a-baster jar of per-



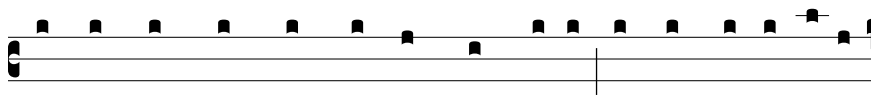
fumed oil, costly gen-u-ine spikenard. She broke the al-a-baster jar



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



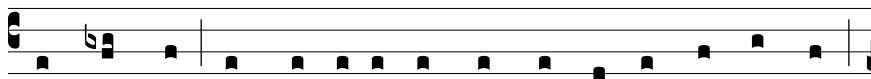
to the poor." N: They were in-fu-ri-at-ed with her. Je- sus



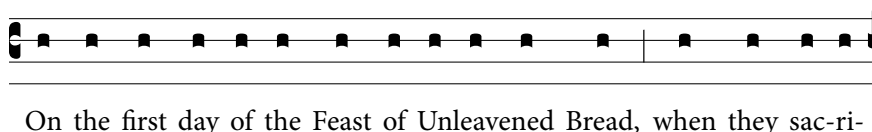
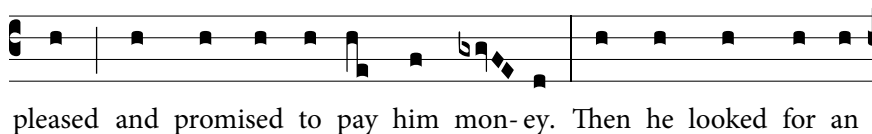
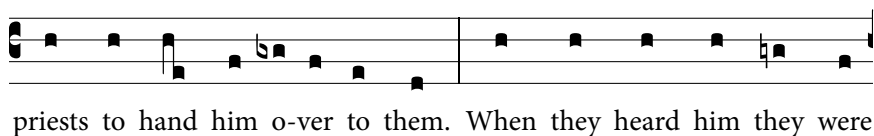
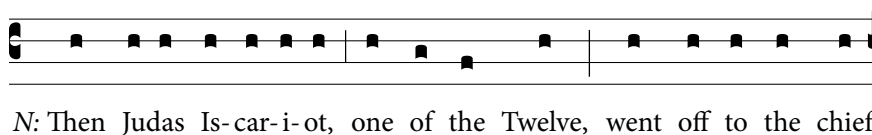
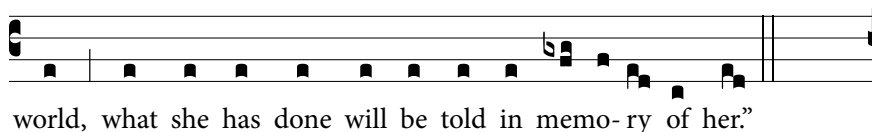
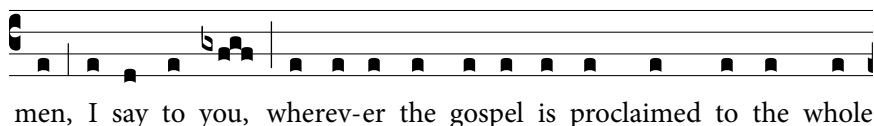
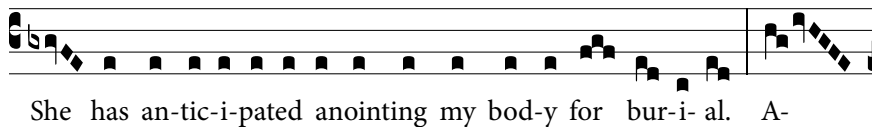
said, J: "Let her a-lone. Why do you make trouble for her?"



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

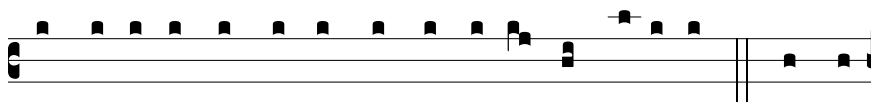


have with you, and whenev-er you wish you can do good to them,





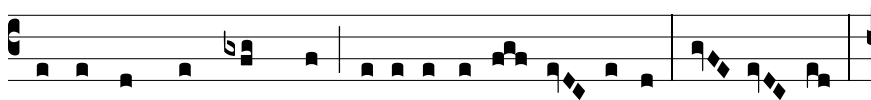
ficed the Passo-ver lamb, his dis-ciples said to him, S: "Where do you



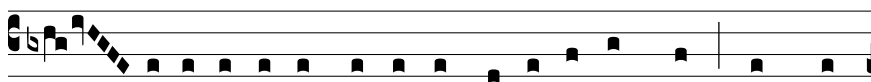
want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" N: He sent



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. Fol- low him.



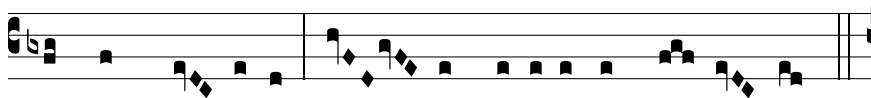
Wher- ev-er he enters, say to the master of the house, "The Teach-



er says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passo-ver



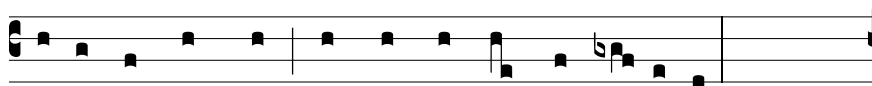
with my dis-ciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room



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.



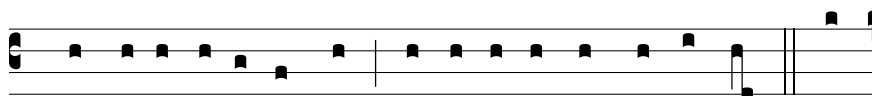
When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined



at ta-ble and were eating, Je- sus said, J: "A- men, 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: "Sure-



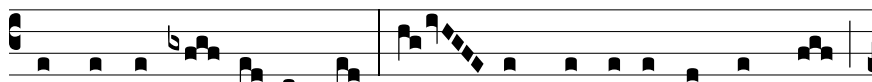
ly it is not I?" N: He said to them, J: "One of the Twelve,



the one who dips with me in- to the dish. For the Son of Man in-



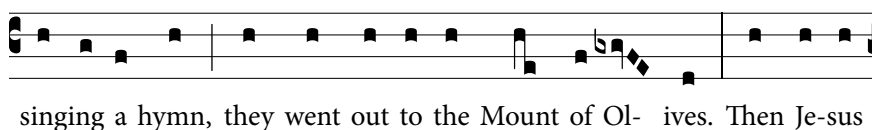
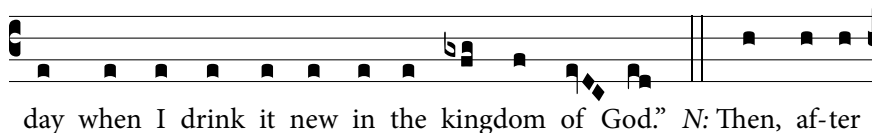
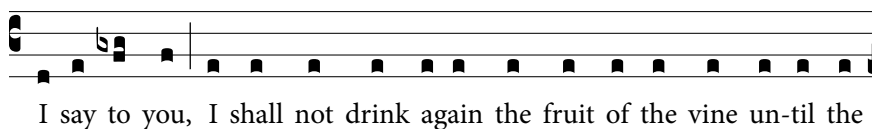
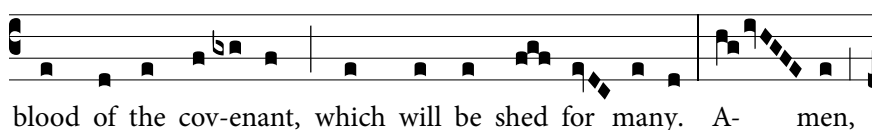
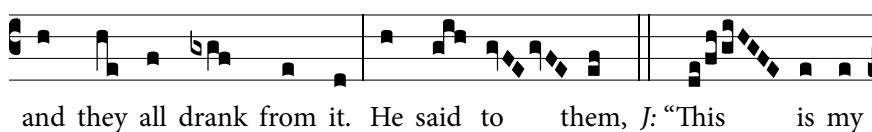
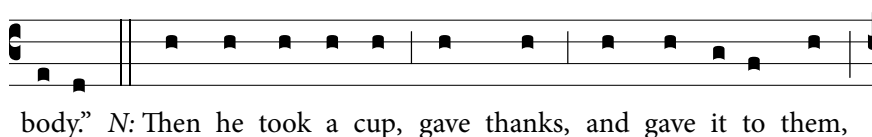
deed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom



the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man

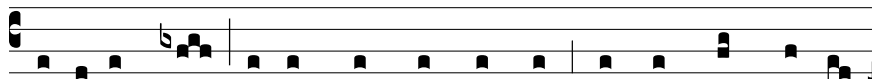


N: While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it,





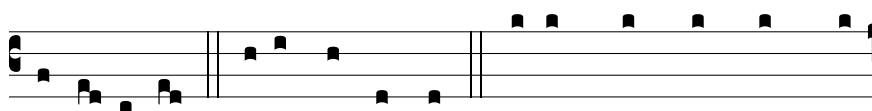
said to them, J: "All of you will have your faith shaken,



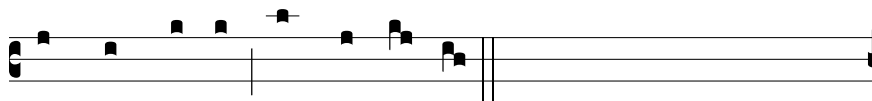
for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be



dispersed. But af-ter I have been raised up, I shall go before you



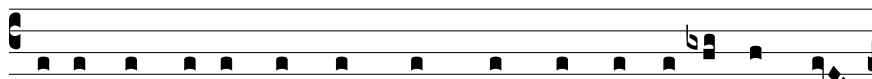
to Gal-i-lee." N: Peter said to him, S: "Even though all should have



their faith shaken, mine will not be."



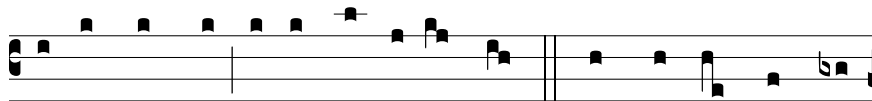
N: Then Je-sus said to him, J: "A- men, I say to you, this



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



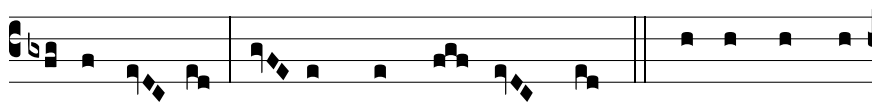
said to his dis-ci- ples, J: "Sit here while I pray." N: He



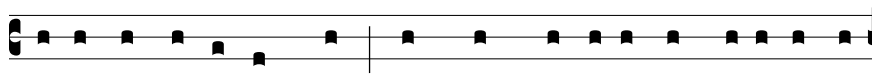
took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and



distressed. Then he said to them, J: "My soul is sorrowful



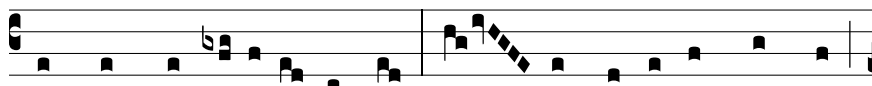
e-ven to death. Re-main here and keep watch." N: He advanced a



lit-tle and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possi-ble the



hour might pass by him; he said, J: "Ab- ba, 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*: “Si- mon, are you asleep?”



Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you



may not under-go 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



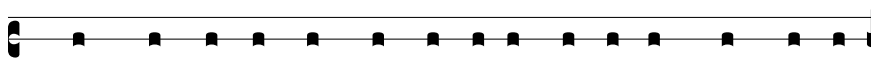
sleeping and taking your rest? It is e-nough. The hour has



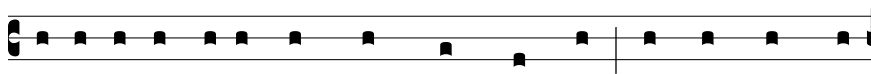
come. Be-hold, the Son of Man is to be handed o-ver to sinners.



Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."



N: Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived,



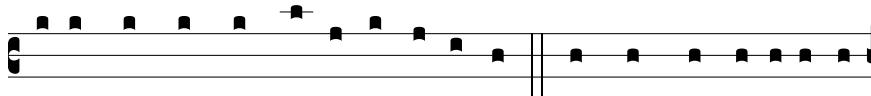
accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from



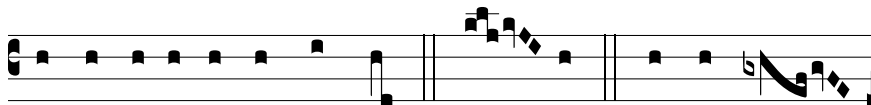
the chief priests, the scribes, and the el- ders. His betrayer had ar-



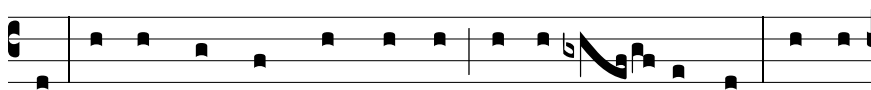
ranged a signal with them, saying, S: "The man I shall kiss is the one;



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 ar-rest- ed him. One of



the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and



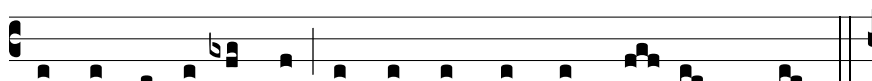
cut off his ear. Je-sus said to them in reply, *J*: "Have you



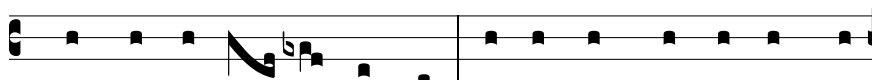
come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me?



Day af-ter day I was with you teaching in the temple ar-e-a, yet



you did not ar-rest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."



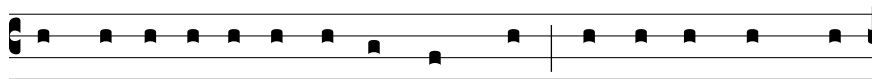
N: And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him



wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his bod- y. They seized him,



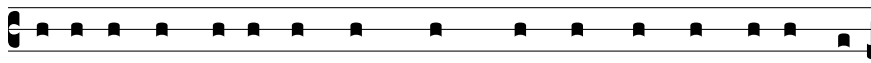
but he left the cloth behind and ran off na- ked.



They led Je-sus a-way to the high priest, and all the chief priests



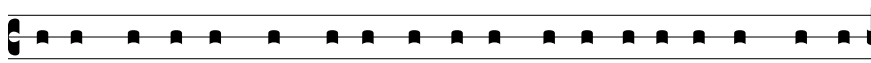
and the elders and the scribes came togeth- er. Peter followed him



at a distance in-to the high priest's courtyard and was seated with



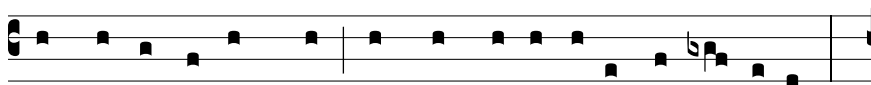
the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the



entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain tes-ti-mony against Je-sus



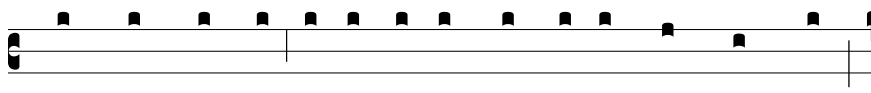
in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave



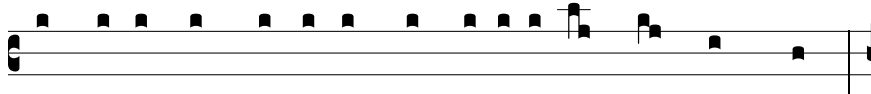
false witness against him, but their tes-ti-mony did not agree.



Some took the stand and tes-tified falsely against him, al-leging,



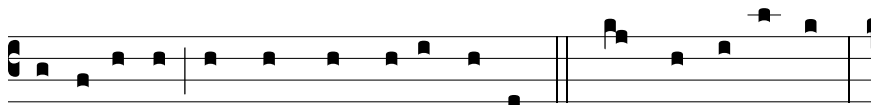
S: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands



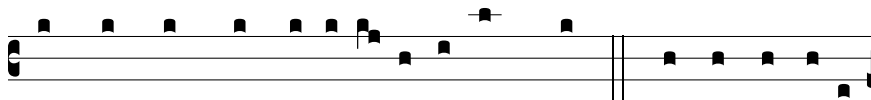
and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"



N: E-ven so their tes-ti-mony did not agree. The high priest rose before



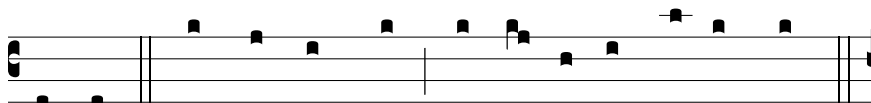
the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, *S:* "Have you no answer?"



What are these men tes-ti-fy-ing against 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?"



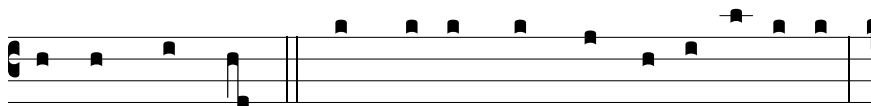
N: Then Je-sus an- swered, *J:* "I am; and 'you will see



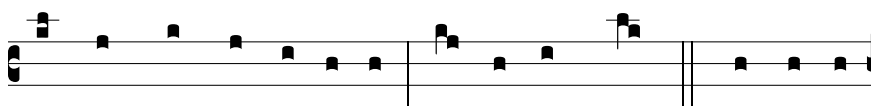
the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and com-



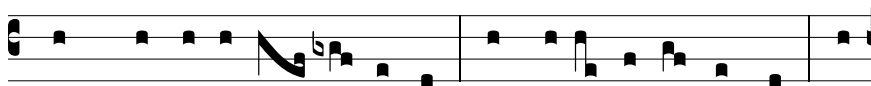
ing with the clouds of heaven." *N:* At that the high priest tore his



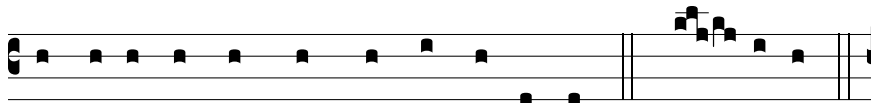
garments and said, *S:* "What further need have we of witnesses?"



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



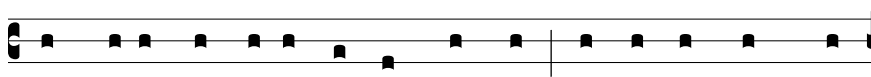
demned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They



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



N: And the guards greeted him with blows.



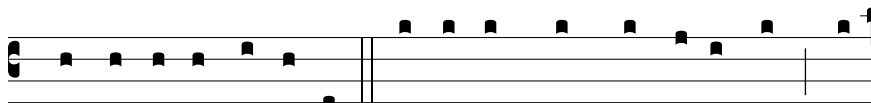
While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's



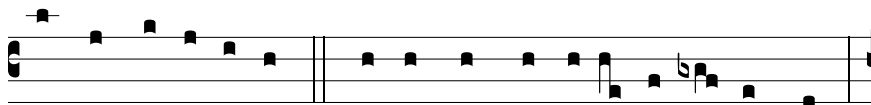
maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intent-



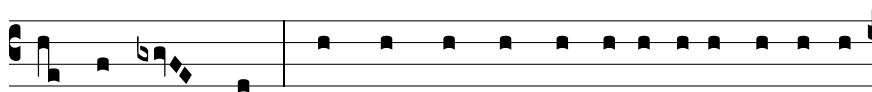
ly at him and said, S: "You too were with the Naz-arene, Jesus."



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.



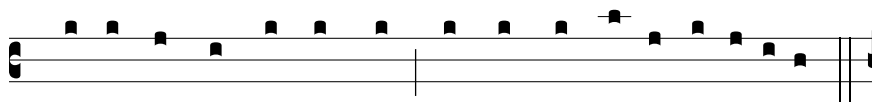
Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to



the bystanders, S: "This man is one of them." N: Once again he de-



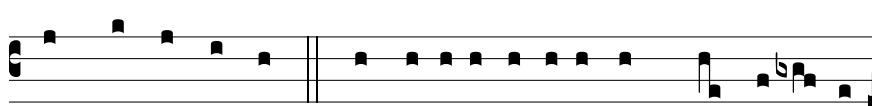
nied it. A lit-tle lat-er the bystanders said to Peter once more,



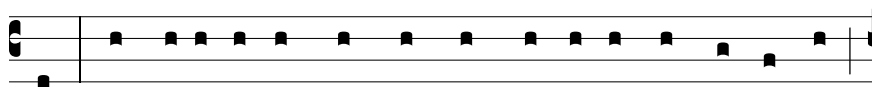
S: "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Gal-i-lean."



N: He began to curse and to swear, S: "I do not know this man about



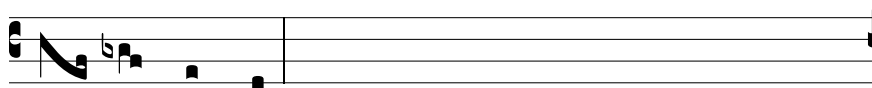
whom you are talking." N: And immedi-ate-ly a cock crowed a second



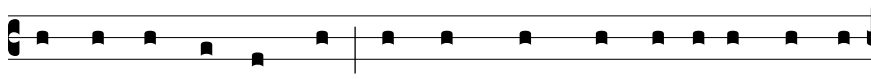
time. Then Peter remembered the word that Je-sus had said to him,



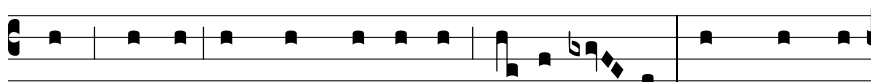
"Before the cock crows twice you will de-ny me three times." He



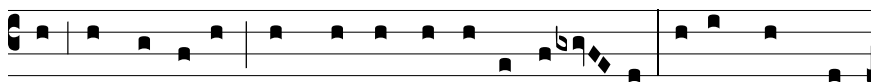
broke down and wept.



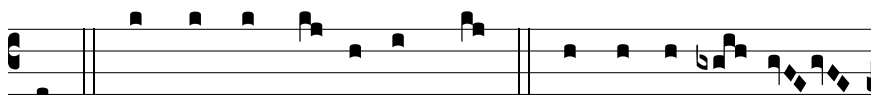
As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the



scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a coun-cil. They bound Je-



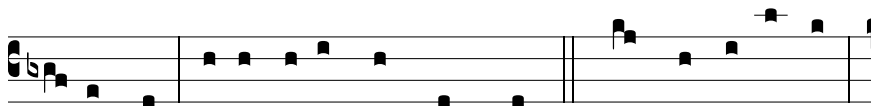
sus, led him away, and handed him o-ver to Pi- late. Pilate questioned



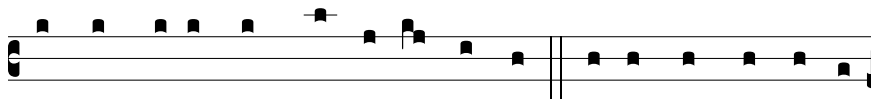
him, S: "Are you the king of the Jews?" N: He said to him in



reply, J: "You say so." N: The chief priests accused him of



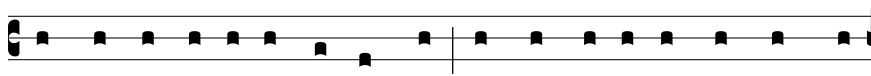
man-y things. Again Pilate questioned him, S: "Have you no answer?



See how many things they accuse you of." N: Je-sus gave him no fur-



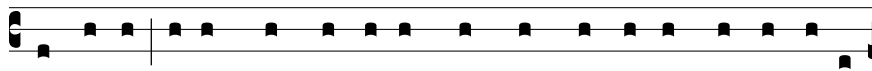
ther answer, so that Pi-late was amazed.



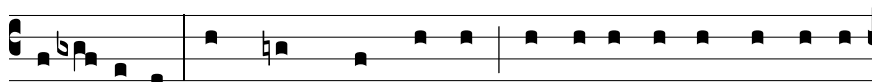
Now on the oc-casion of the feast he used to release to them one



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



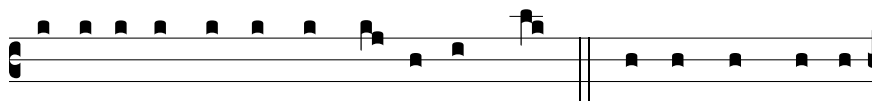
in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a



re-bel-li-on. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do



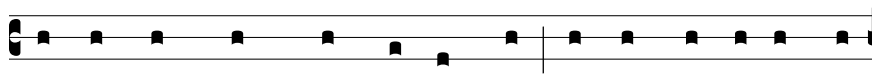
for them as he was ac-customed. Pilate answered, S: "Do you want



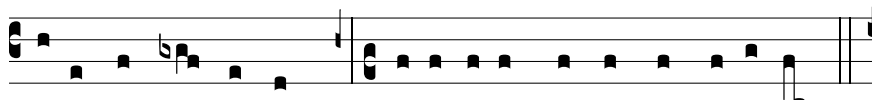
me to release to you the king of the Jews?" N: For he knew that it



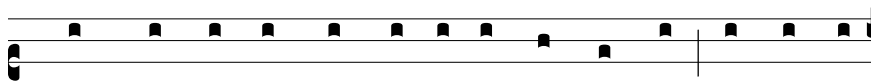
was out of en-vy that the chief priests had handed him o- ver.



But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Bar-



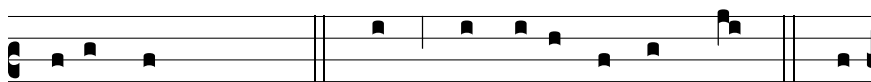
abbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in re-ply,



S: "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the



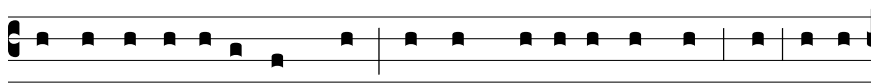
king of the Jews?" N: They shouted again, Cr: "Cru-ci- fy him!"



N: Pilate said to them, S: "Why? What e-vil has he done?" N: They



on-ly shouted the louder, Cr: "Cru-ci- fy him!" N: So Pilate,



wishing to sat-is-fy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, af-ter



he had Je-sus scourged, handed him o-ver to be cru-cified.



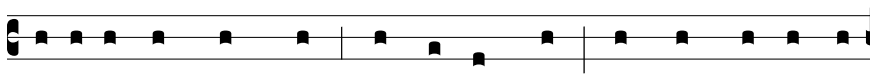
The soldiers led him a-way inside the palace, that is, the praeto-ri-



um, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple



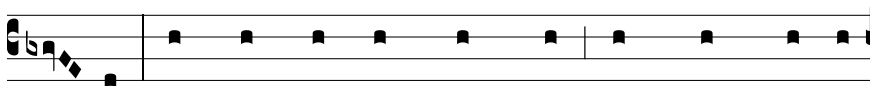
and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to



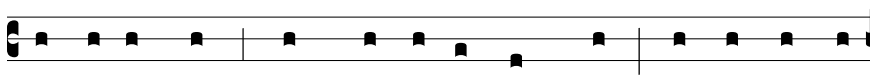
sa-lu-te him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his



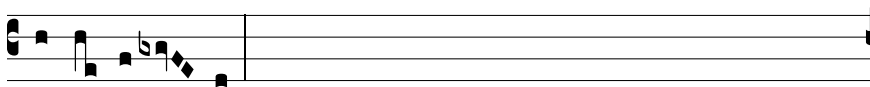
head with a reed and spitting up-on him. They knelt before him in



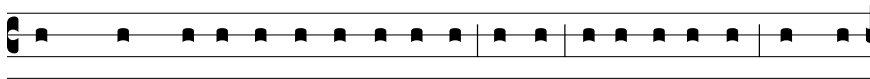
hom-age. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of



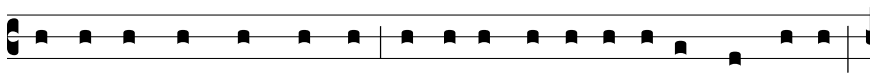
the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out



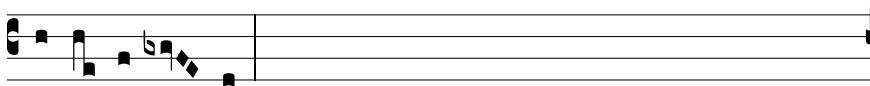
to cru-ci-fy him.



They pressed in-to service a passer-by, Simon, a Cy-re-ni-an, who was



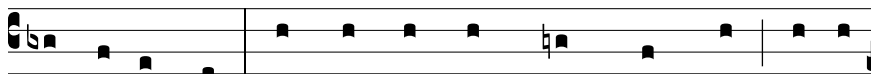
coming in from the country, the father of Al-ex-ander and Rufus,



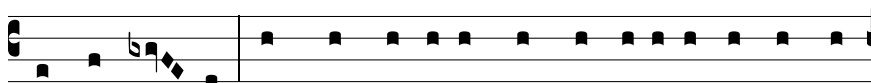
to car-ry his cross.



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



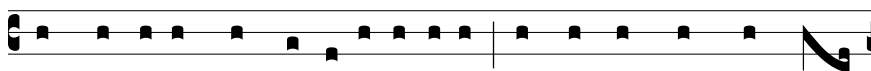
by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine



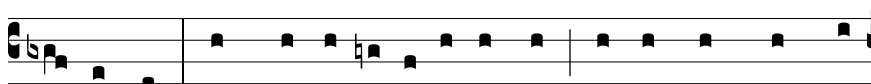
o'clock in the morning when they cru-cified him. The inscription



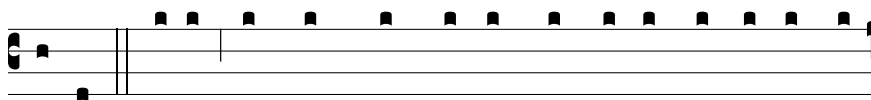
of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him



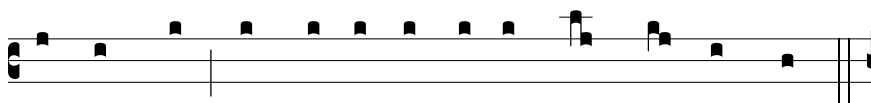
they cru-cified two rev-o-lutionaries, one on his right and one



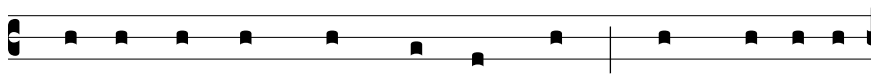
on his left. Those passing by re-vil-ed him, shaking their heads and



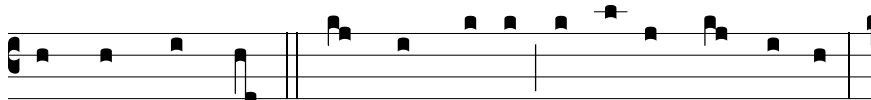
saying, S: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it



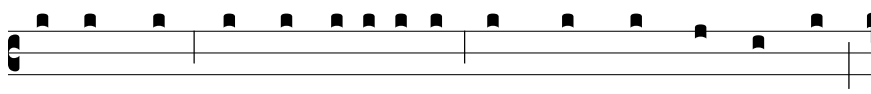
in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”



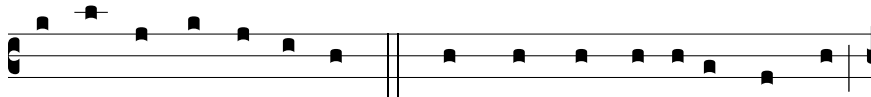
N: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among



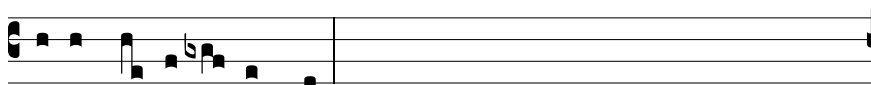
themselves and said, S: “He saved others; he cannot save himself.



Let the Christ, the King of Is-ra-el, come down now from the cross



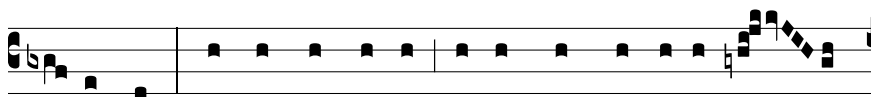
that we may see and believe.” N: Those who were cru-cified with him



al-so kept a-busing him.



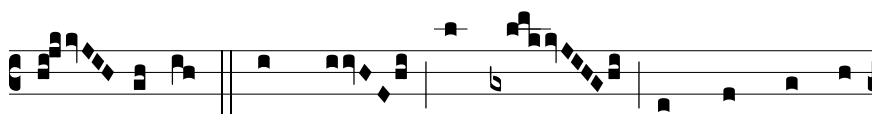
At noon darkness came o-ver the whole land un-til three in the



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



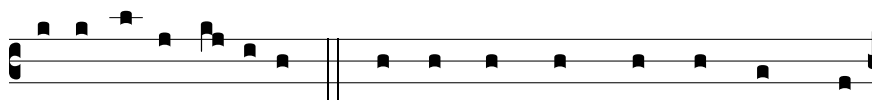
voice, J: “E-loi, E-loi, le-ma sabachthani?” N: which is



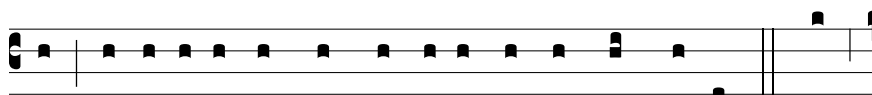
trans- lat-ed, J: "My God, my God, why have you for-



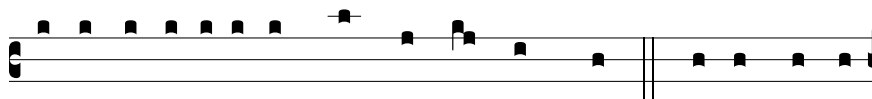
saken me?" N: Some of the bystanders who heard it said, S: "Look,



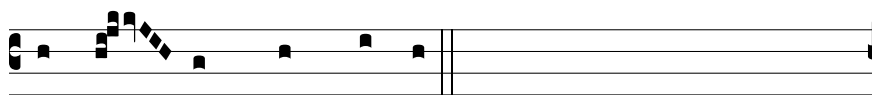
he is calling E- lijah." N: One of them ran, soaked a sponge with



wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, S: "Wait,

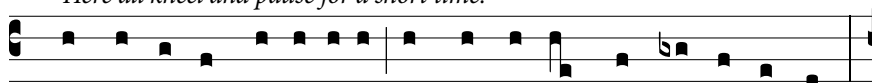


let us see if E-li-jah comes to take him down." N: Je-sus gave a

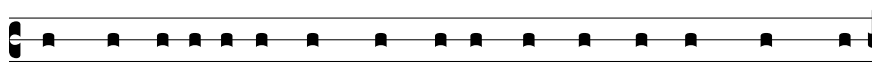


loud cry and breathed his last.

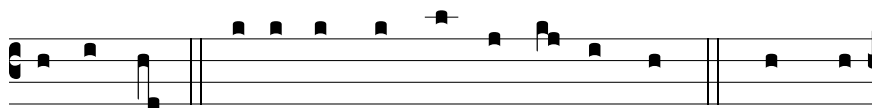
Here all kneel and pause for a short time.



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



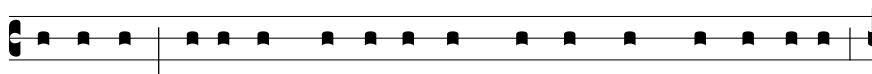
When the centu-ri-on who stood facing him saw how he breathed his



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



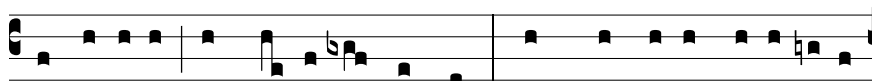
al-so women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary



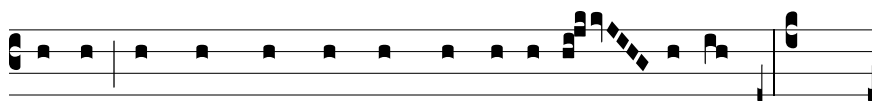
Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses,



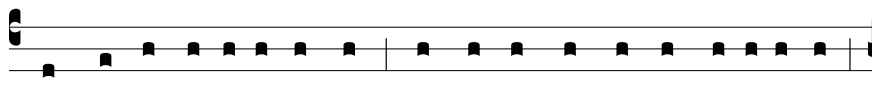
and Sa-lo-me. These women had followed him when he was



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



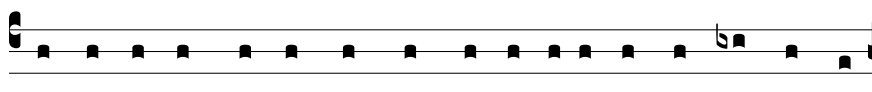
women who had come up with him to Je-ru-salem.



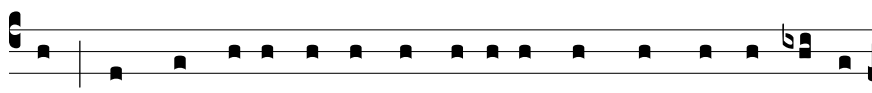
When it was already evening, since it was the day of prepa-ration,



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



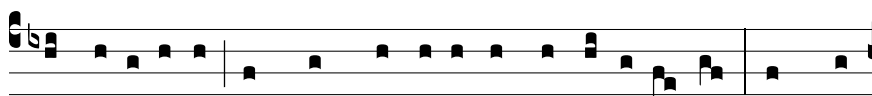
member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of



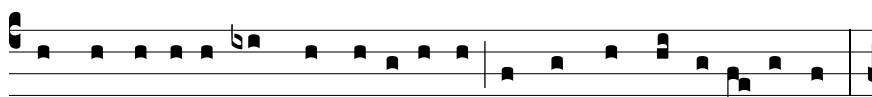
God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the bod-y



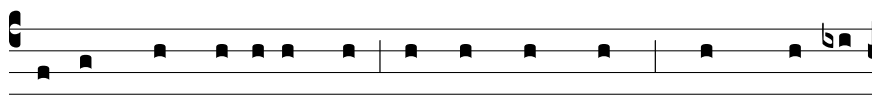
of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned



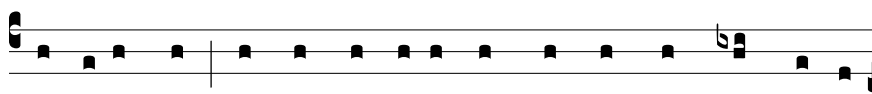
the centu-ri-on and asked him if Je-sus had already died. And when



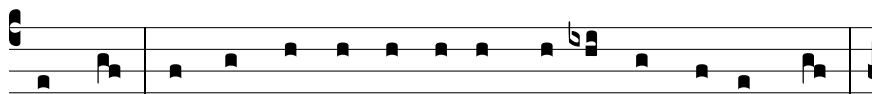
he learned of it from the centu-ri-on, he gave the bod-y to Joseph.



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



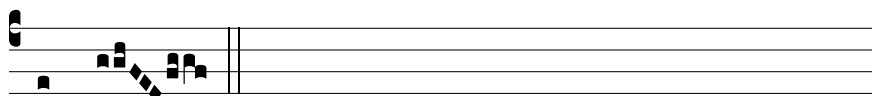
the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of



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.