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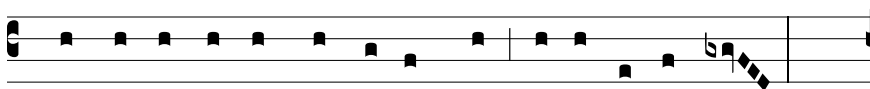


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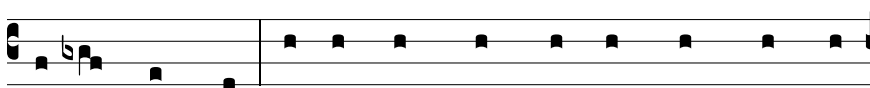
Mk 14:1-15:47



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



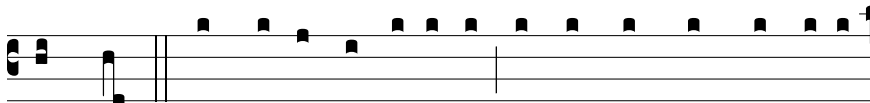
The Passo-ver and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place



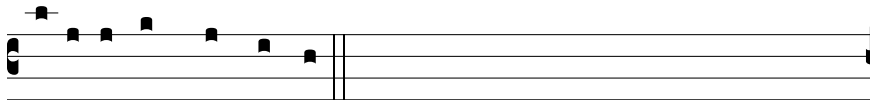
in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seek-



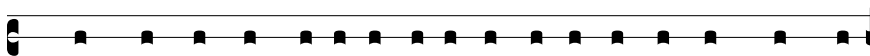
ing a way to arrest him by treach-er-y and put him to death.



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



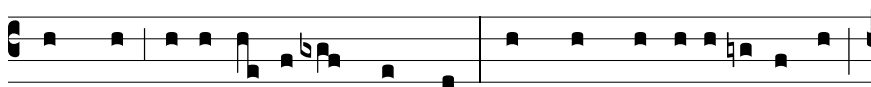
ri-ot among the people."



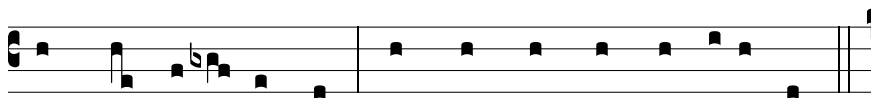
N: When he was in Betha-ny reclining at ta-ble in the house of



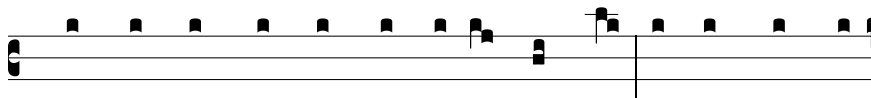
Simon the leper, a woman came with an al-a-baster jar of per-



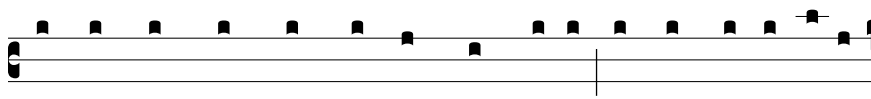
fumed oil, costly gen-u-ine spikenard. She broke the al-a-baster jar



and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.



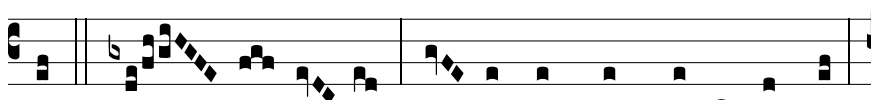
S: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been



sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given



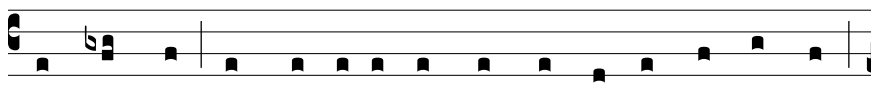
to the poor." N: They were in-fu-ri-at-ed with her. Je- sus



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



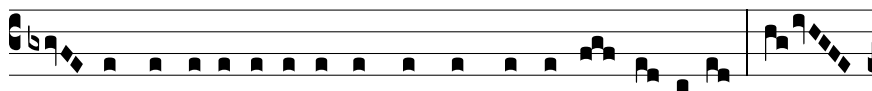
She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always



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



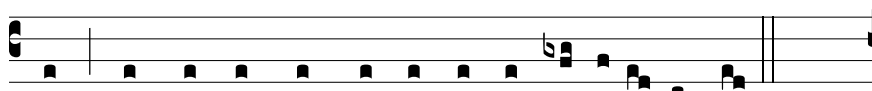
but you will not always have me. She has done what she could.



She has an-tic-i-pated anointing my bod-y for bur-i-al. A-



men, I say to you, wherev-er the gospel is proclaimed to the whole



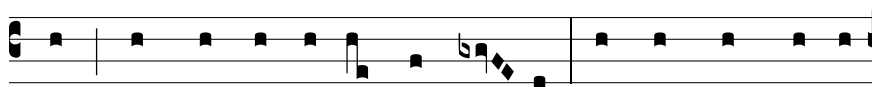
world, what she has done will be told in memo-ry of her."



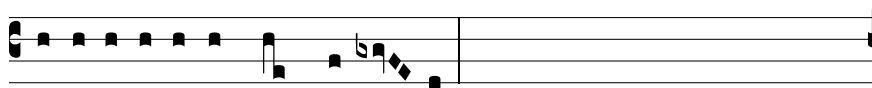
N: Then Judas Is-car-i-ot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief



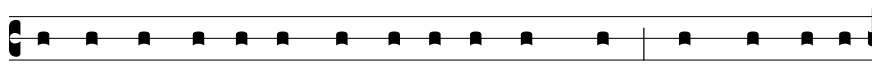
priests to hand him o-ver to them. When they heard him they were



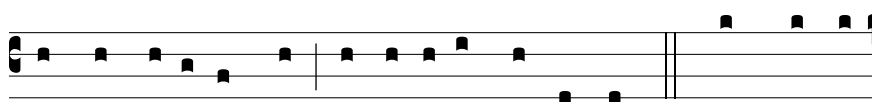
pleased and promised to pay him mon-ey. Then he looked for an



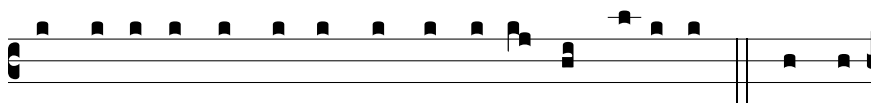
opportu-ni-ty to hand him o- ver.



On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sac-ri-



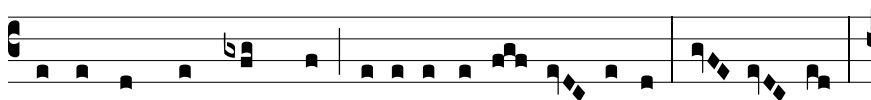
ficed the Passo-ver lamb, his dis-ciples said to him, S: "Where do you



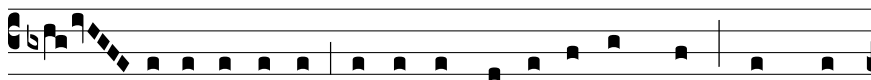
want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" N: He sent



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-



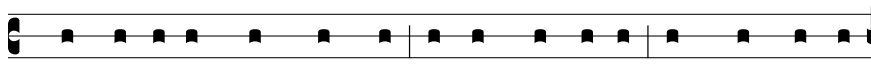
er says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passo-ver



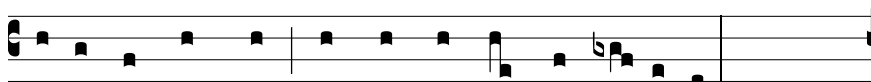
with my dis-ciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room



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



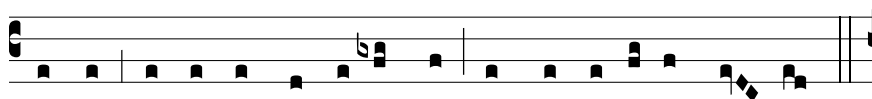
as he had told them; and they prepared the Pass-o-ver.



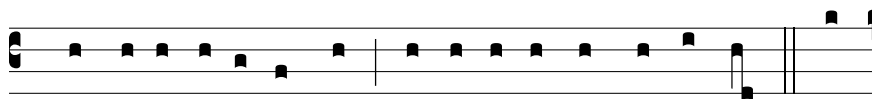
When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined



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,



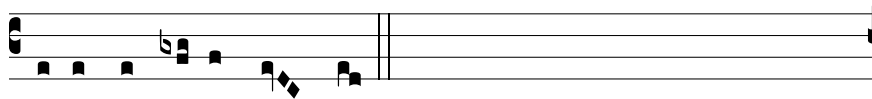
the one who dips with me in- to the dish. For the Son of Man in-



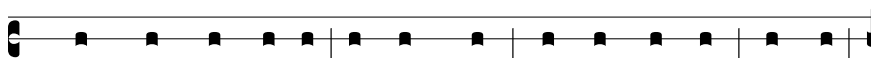
deed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom



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



if he had never been born."



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



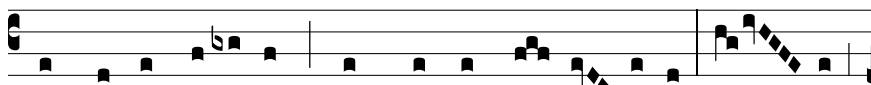
and gave it to them, and said, J: "Take it; this is my



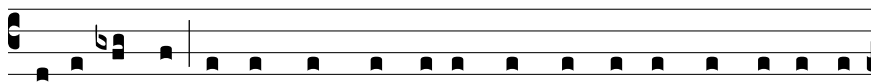
body." N: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,



and they all drank from it. He said to them, J: "This is my



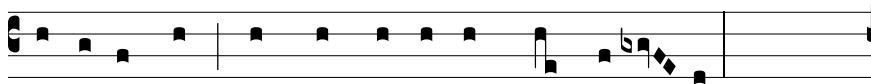
blood of the cov-enant, which will be shed for many. A- men,



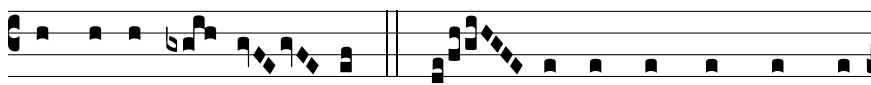
I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine un-til the



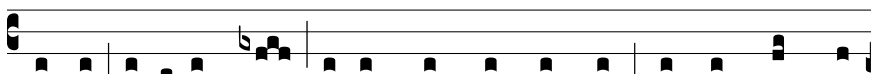
day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." N: Then, af-ter



singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Ol-ives.



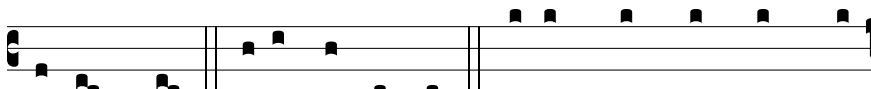
Then Je-sus said to them, J: "All of you will have your faith



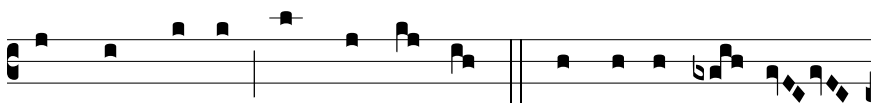
shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will



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



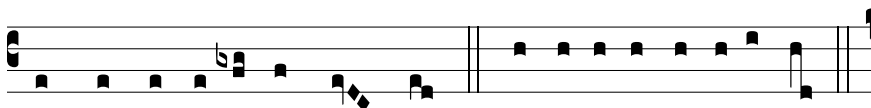
to Gal-i-lee." N: Peter said to him, S: "Even though all should have



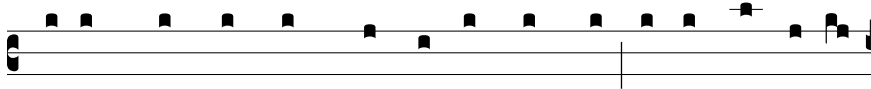
their faith shaken, mine will not be." N: Then Je-sus said to



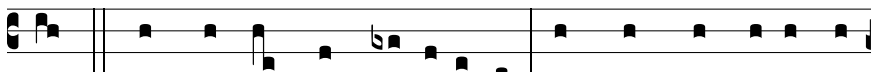
him, J: "A- men, I say to you, this ver-y night before the cock crows



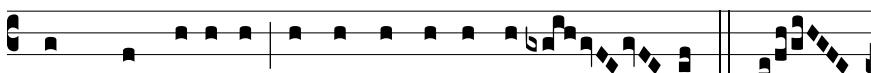
twice you will de-ny me three times." N: But he ve-hemently replied,



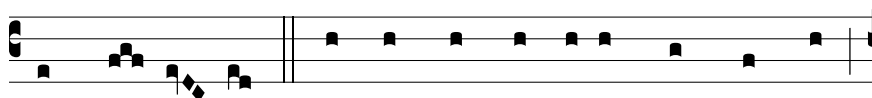
S: "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not de-ny



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,



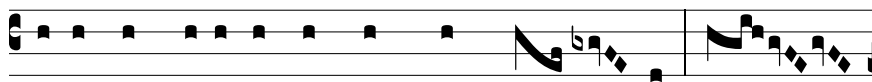
and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,



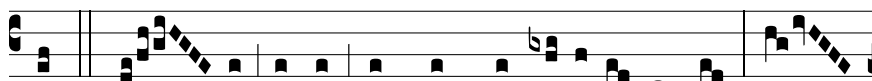
J: "My soul is sorrowful e-ven to death. Re-main here and keep



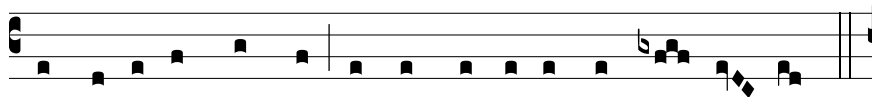
watch." N: He advanced a lit-tle and fell to the ground and prayed that



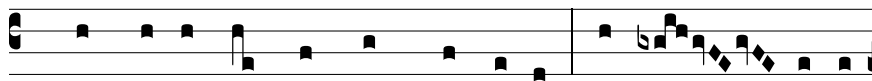
if it were possi-ble the hour might pass by him; he



said, J: "Ab-ba, Father, all things are possi-ble to you. Take



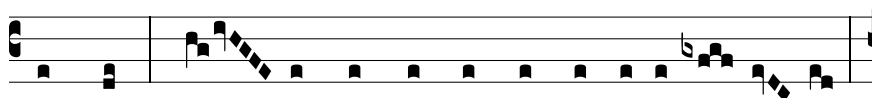
this cup a-way from me, but not what I will but what you will."



N: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Pe-



ter, 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 a-



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



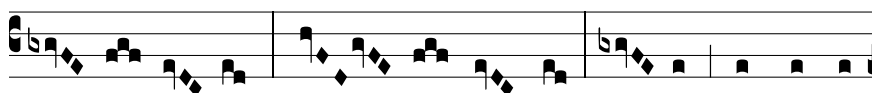
and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes o-pen and



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



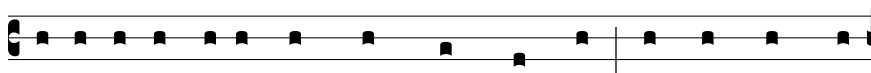
Man is to be handed o-ver to sinners. Get up, let us go.



See, my betrayer is at hand."



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



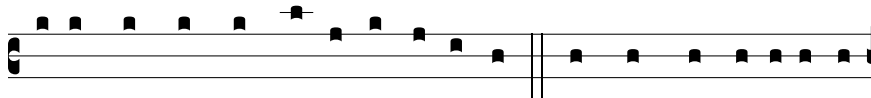
accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from



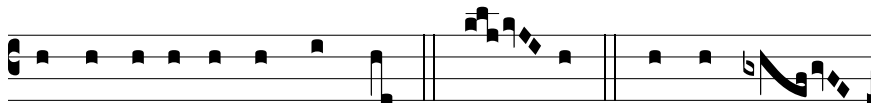
the chief priests, the scribes, and the el- ders. His betrayer had ar-



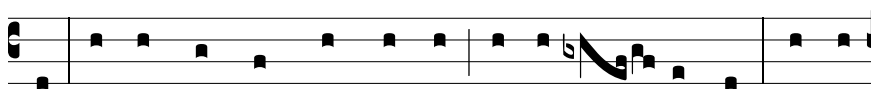
ranged a signal with them, saying, S: "The man I shall kiss is the one;



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



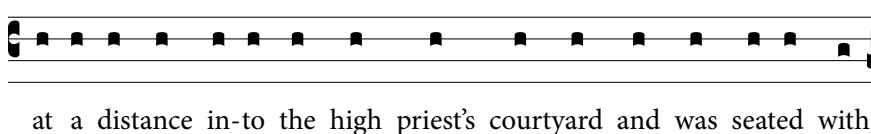
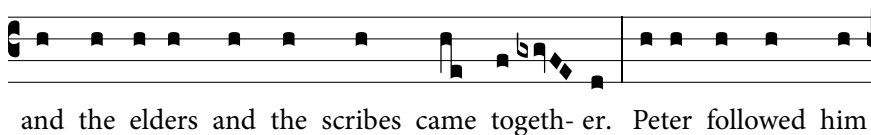
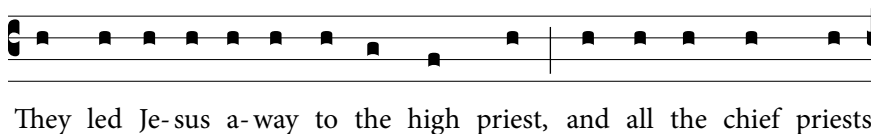
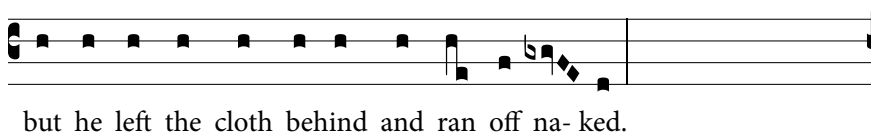
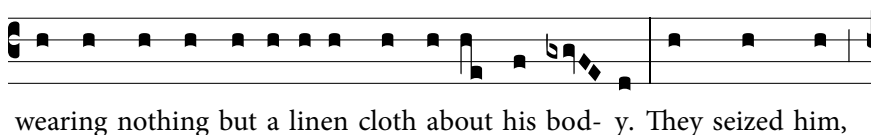
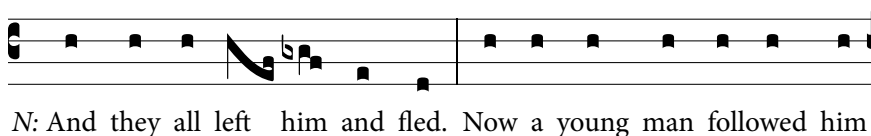
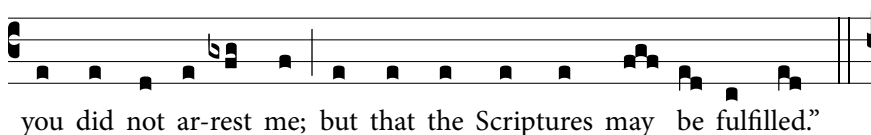
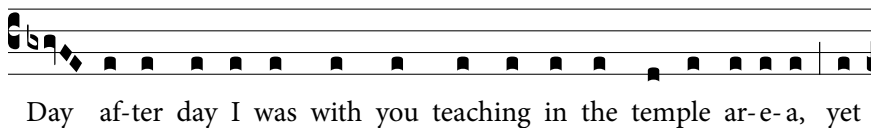
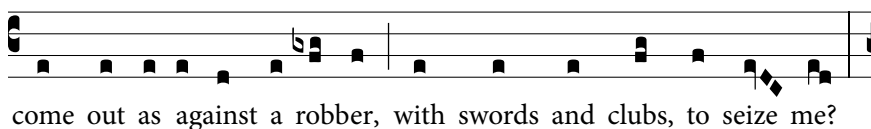
him. At this they laid hands on him and ar-rest- ed him. One of

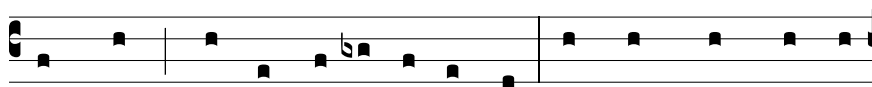


the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and

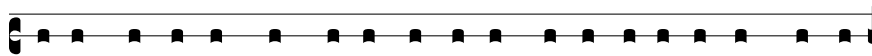


cut off his ear. Je-sus said to them in reply, J: "Have you





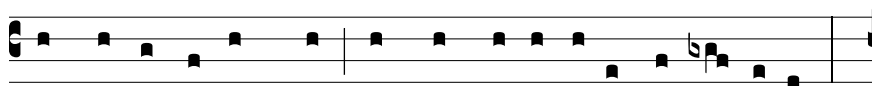
the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the



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



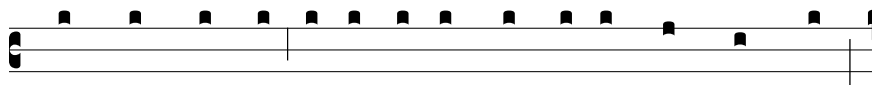
in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave



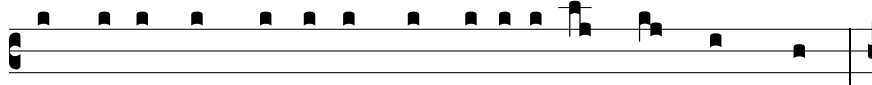
false witness against him, but their tes-ti-mony did not agree.



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



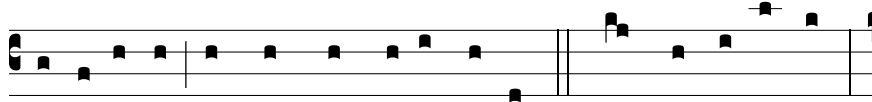
S: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands



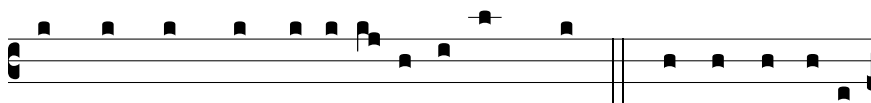
and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"N:



Even so their tes-ti-mony did not agree. The high priest rose before



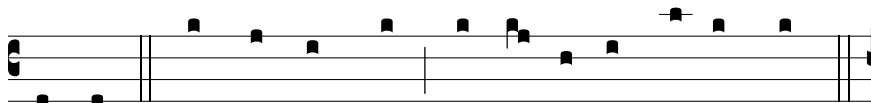
the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, S: "Have you no answer?"



What are these men tes-ti-fy-ing against you?" *N:* But he was silent



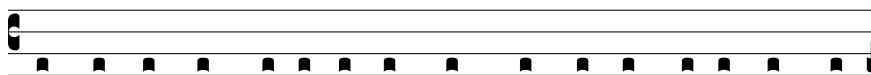
and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said



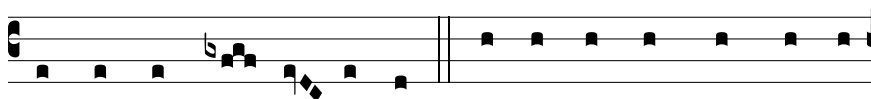
to him, *S:* "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"



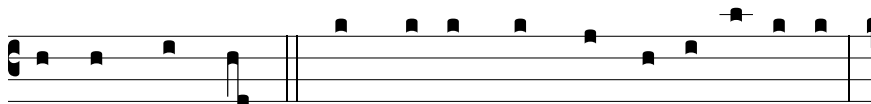
N: Then Je-sus an- swered, *J:* "I am; and 'you will see



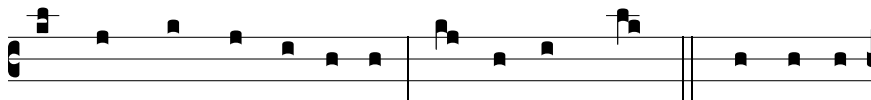
the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and com-



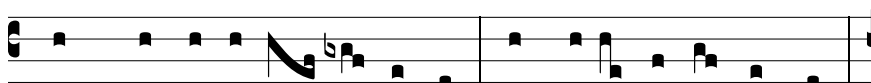
ing with the clouds of heaven." *N:* At that the high priest tore his



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



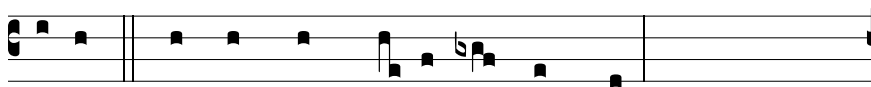
You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" *N:* They all con-



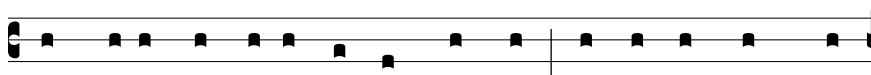
demned him as deserv- ing to die. Some began to spit on him.



They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, Cr: "Proph-



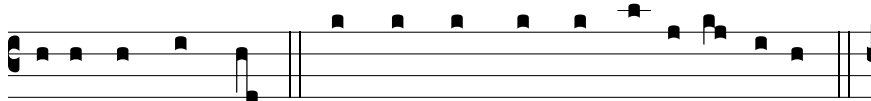
e-sy!" N: And the guards greeted him with blows.



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



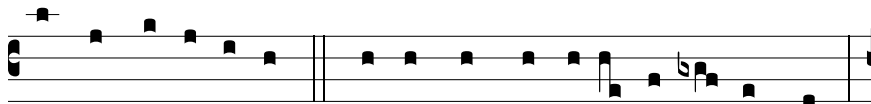
maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intent-



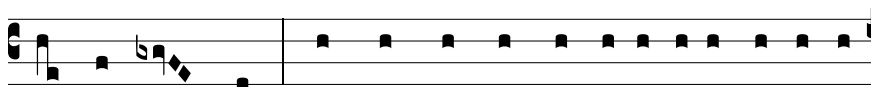
ly at him and said, S: "You too were with the Naz-arene, Jesus."



N: But he denied it saying, S: "I neither know nor understand what



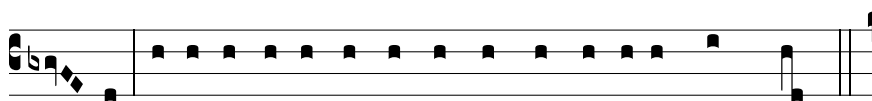
you are talking about." N: So he went out in-to the out-er court.

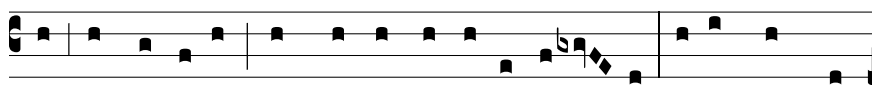


Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to

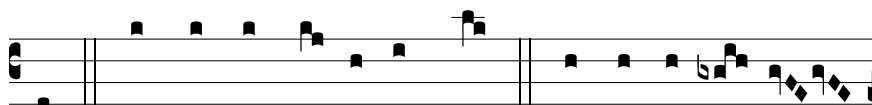


the bystanders, S: "This man is one of them." N: Once again he de-





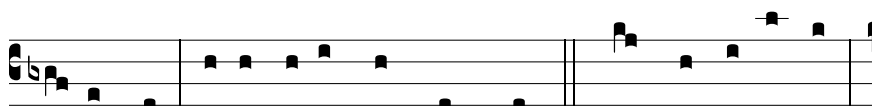
sus, led him away, and handed him o-ver to Pi- late. Pilate questioned



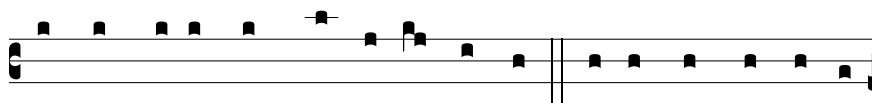
him, S: "Are you the king of the Jews?" N: He said to him in



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-



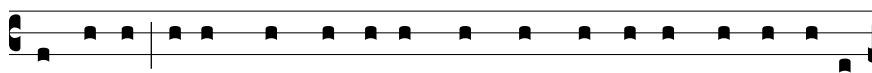
ther answer, so that Pi-late was amazed.



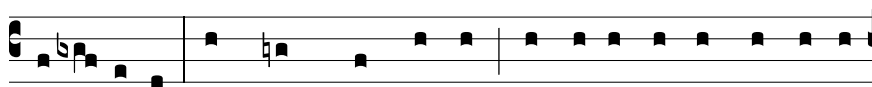
Now on the oc-casion of the feast he used to release to them one



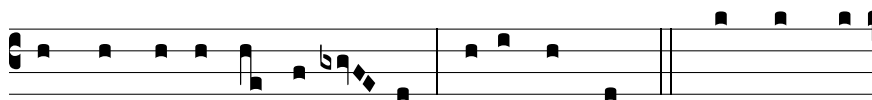
prison-er whom they request-ed. A man called Barabbas was then



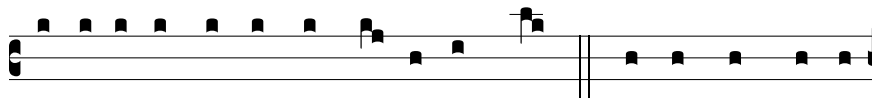
in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a



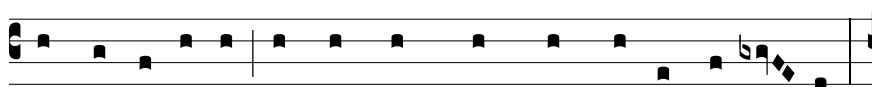
re-bel-li-on. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do



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



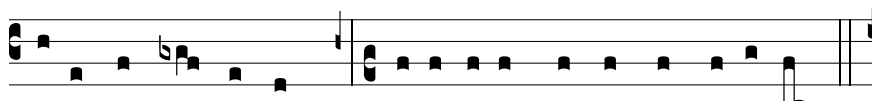
me to release to you the king of the Jews?" N: For he knew that it



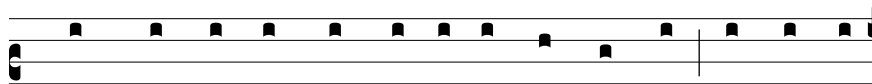
was out of en-vy that the chief priests had handed him o- ver.



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



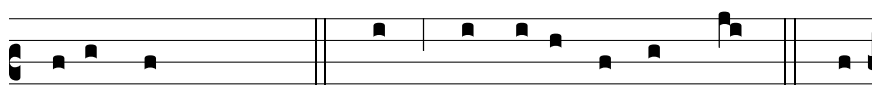
abbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in re-ply,



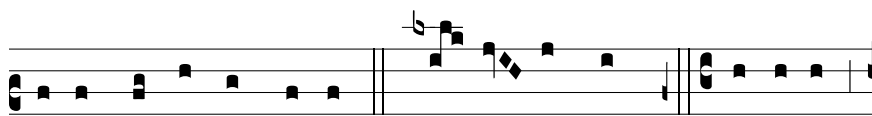
S: "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the



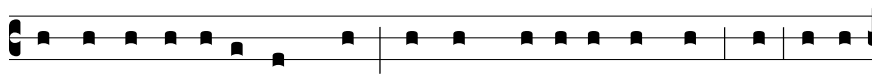
king of the Jews?" N: They shouted again, Cr: "Cru-ci- fy him!"



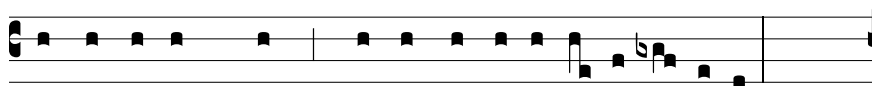
N: Pilate said to them, S: "Why? What e-vil has he done?" N: They



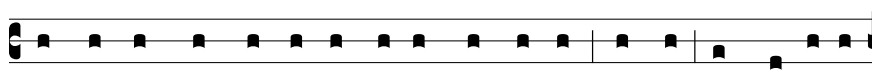
on-ly shouted the louder, *Cr*: "Cru-ci- fy him!" *N*: So Pilate,



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.



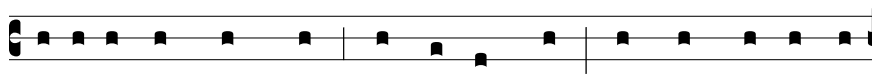
The soldiers led him a-way inside the palace, that is, the praeto-ri-



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



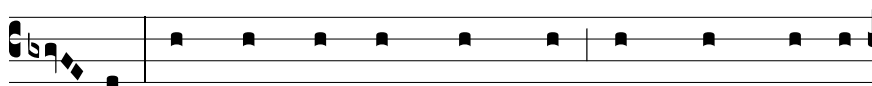
and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to



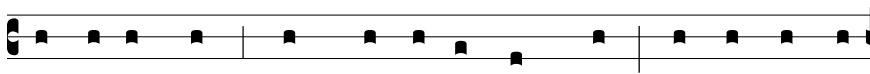
sa-lu-te him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his



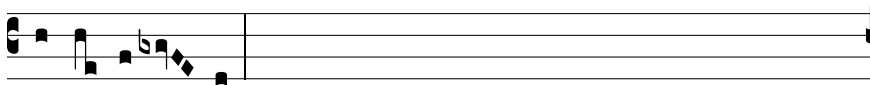
head with a reed and spitting up-on him. They knelt before him in



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



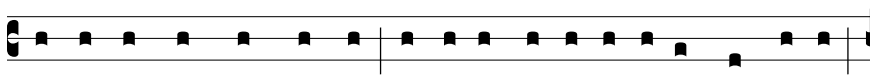
the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out



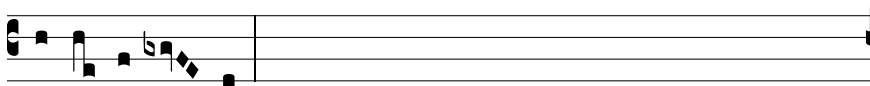
to cru-ci-fy him.



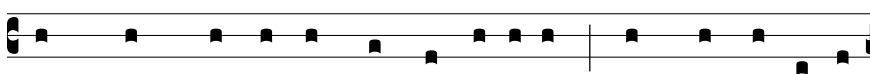
They pressed in-to service a passer-by, Simon, a Cy-re-ni-an, who was



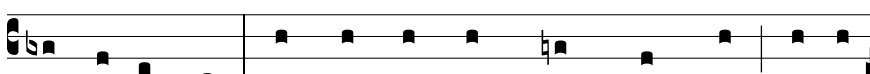
coming in from the country, the father of Al-ex-ander and Rufus,



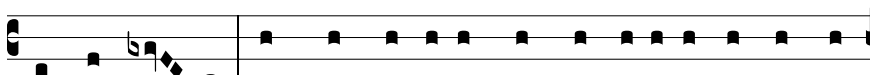
to car-ry his cross.



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



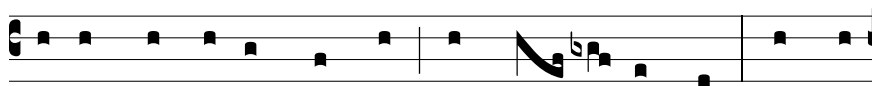
did not take it. Then they cru-cified him and divided his garments



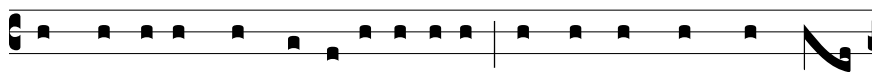
by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine



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



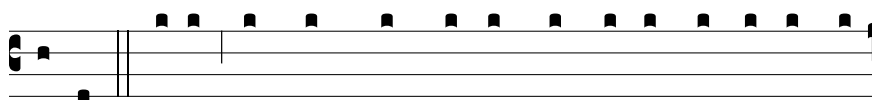
of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him



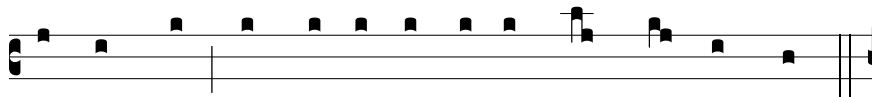
they cru-cified two rev-o-lutionaries, one on his right and one



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



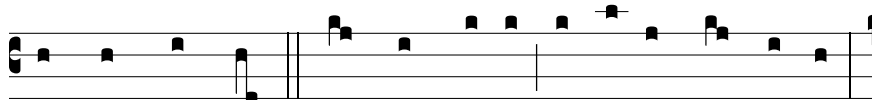
saying, S: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it



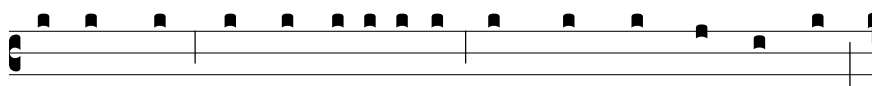
in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."



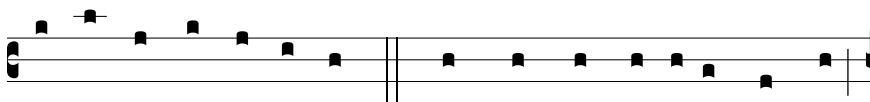
N: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among



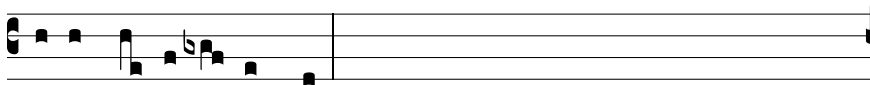
themselves and said, S: "He saved others; he cannot save himself.



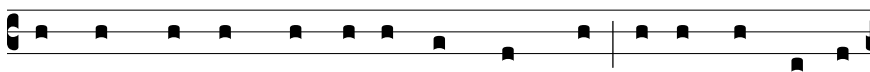
Let the Christ, the King of Is-ra-el, come down now from the cross



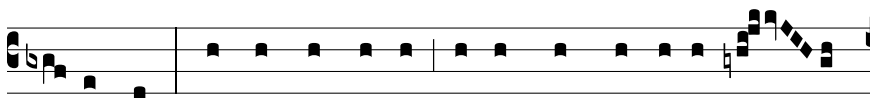
that we may see and believe." *N*: Those who were cru-cified with him



al-so kept a-busing him.



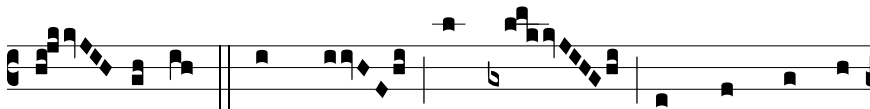
At noon darkness came o-ver the whole land un-til three in the



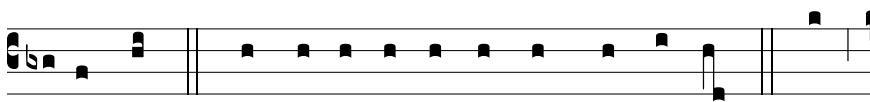
af-ternoon. And at three o'clock Je-sus cried out in a loud



voice, *J*: "E- loi, E- loi, le-ma sabachthani?" *N*: which is



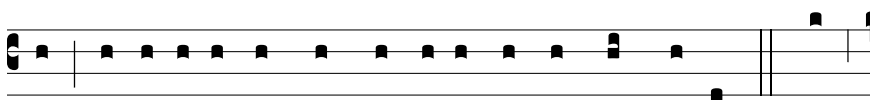
trans-lat-ed, *J*: "My God, my God, why have you for-



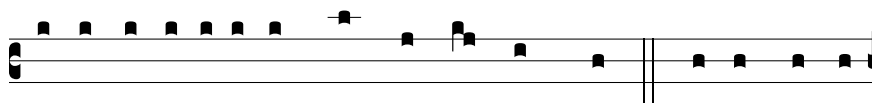
saken me?" *N*: Some of the bystanders who heard it said, *S*: "Look,



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,

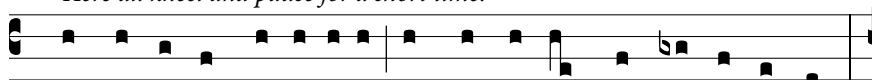


let us see if E-li-jah comes to take him down.” N: Je-sus gave a

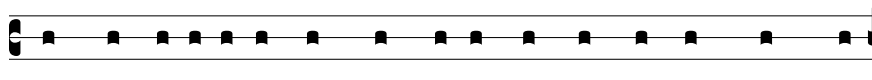


loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.



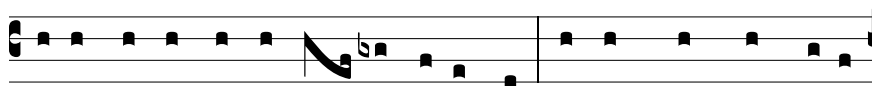
N: The veil of the sanctu-ar-y was torn in two from top to bottom.



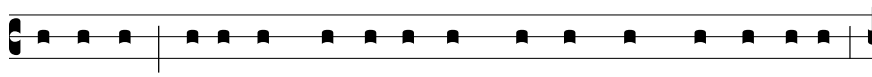
When the centu-ri-on who stood facing him saw how he breathed his



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



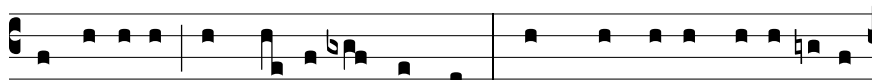
al-so women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary



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



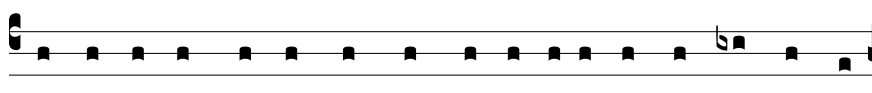
women who had come up with him to Je-ru- salem.



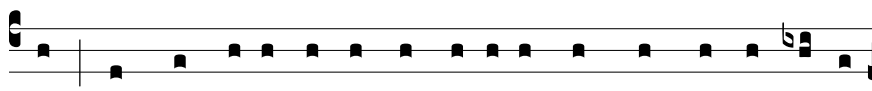
When it was already evening, since it was the day of prepa-ration,



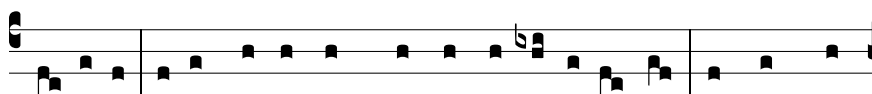
the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Ar-i-mathe-a, a distinguished



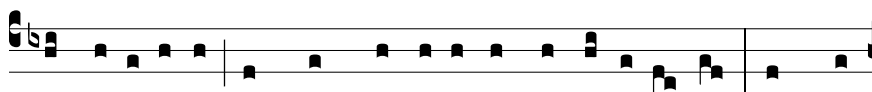
member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of



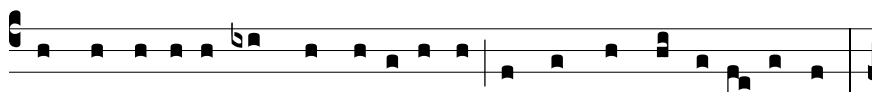
God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the bod-y



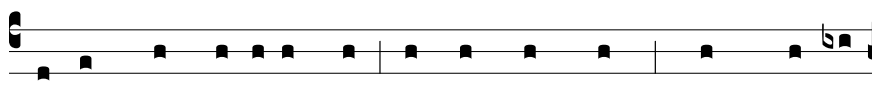
of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned



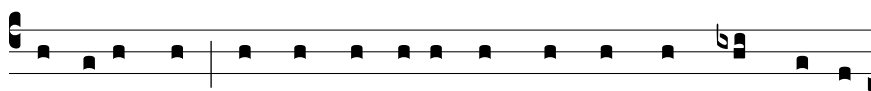
the centu-ri-on and asked him if Je-sus had already died. And when



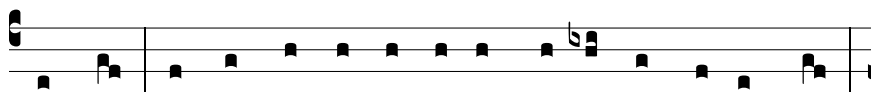
he learned of it from the centu-ri-on, he gave the bod-y to Joseph.



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



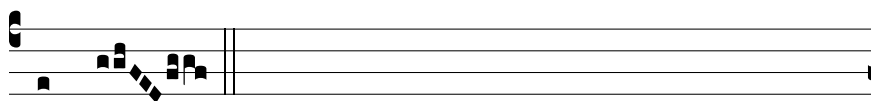
the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of



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.



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