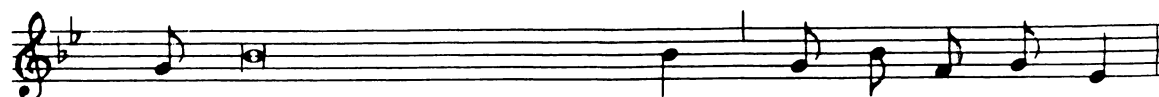
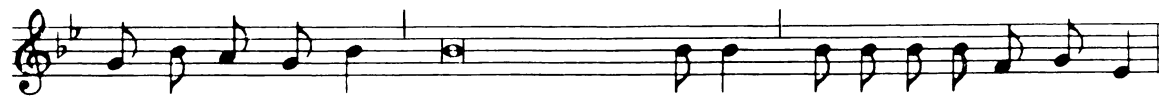


The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

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When the hour ar - rived, Jesus took his place at ta - ble, and the a - pos - tles with him.



He said to them: *Jesus* "I have greatly desired to eat this Passover



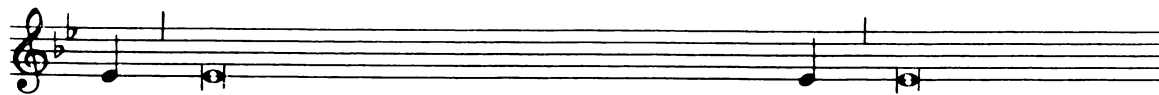
with you be - fore I suf - fer. I tell you, I will not eat again until it is ful -



filled in the king - dom of God." *N.* Then tak - ing a cup, he offered a bless -



ing in thanks and said: *J.* "Take this and di - vide it a - mong you; I tell



you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine un - til the coming of



the reign of God." *N.* Then tak - ing bread and giv - ing thanks, he broke it



and gave it to them, say - ing: *J.* "This is my bod - y to be giv - en for you.



Do this as a re - mem - brance of me." *N.* He did the same with

the cup af - ter eat - ing, say - ing as he did so: *J.* "This cup is the new cov -
 enant in my blood, which will be shed_ for you. And yet the hand of my be -
 trayer is with me at this_ ta - ble. The Son of Man is following out his ap - point -
 ed course, but woe to that man by whom he is be - trayed." *N.* Then they began
 to dispute a - mong them - selves as to which of them would do such a deed.
 A dis - pute arose among them about who should be regarded as the great - est.
 He ____ said: _ *J.* "Earth - ly kings lord it o - ver their peo - ple. Those who
 exercise authority over them are called their be - ne - fac - tors. Yet it cannot be
 that way_ with you. Let the greater among you be as the ju - nior, the lead - er as
 the ser - vant. Who, in fact, is the great - er he who reclines at the table or
 he who serves the meal? Is it not the one who re - clines at ta - ble?"

Yet I am in your midst as the one who serves you. You are the ones who have stood
loyally by me in my temptations. I for my part assign to you the dominion my
Father has assigned to me. In my kingdom, you will eat and drink at my table,
and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon,
Simon! Remember that Satan has asked for you, to sift you all like wheat.
But I have prayed for you that your faith may never fail. You in turn must
strengthen your brothers." *N.* Peter said to him, *S.* "Lord, at your side
I am prepared to face imprisonment and death itself." *N.* Jesus replied,
J. "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have three
times denied that you know me." *N.* He asked them, *J.* "When I
sent you on mission without purse or traveling bag or sandals, were you in

need of an - y - thing?" *N.* They re - plied, *All* "Not a thing."

N. He said to them: *J.* "Now, however, the man who has a purse must

car - ry it; the same with the trav - el - ling bag. And the man without a sword must

sell his coat and buy one. It is written in Scripture, 'He was count - ed a - mong

the wick - ed,' and this, I tell you, must come to be ful - filled in me.

All that has to do with me approaches its cli - max." *N.* They said,

All "Lord, here are two swords!" *N.* He an - swered,

J. "E - nough." *N.* Then he went out and made his way, as was his

cus - tom, to the Mount of Ol - ives; his disciples accom - pa - nied him. On reach - ing

the place he said to them, *J.* "Pray that you may not be put to

the test." *N.* He with - drew from them about a stone's throw, then went down on

his knees and prayed in these words: *J.* "Fa - ther, if it is your will, take
 this cup_ from me; yet_ not my_ will_ but yours_ be done." *N.* An angel then
 appeared to him from heav-en to strength-en him. In his anguish he prayed with
 all the great-er in - ten - si - ty, and his sweat became like drops of blood fall-ing
 to the ground. Then he rose from prayer and came to his dis - ci - ples, only to
 find them a - sleep, ex - haust-ed with grief. He said_ to them, _
J. "Why are you sleep - ing? Wake up, and pray that you may not be sub - ject - ed
 to the trial." *N.* While he was still speaking a crowd came, led by the man
 named Ju - das, one of the Twelve. He ap-proached Je-sus to em - brace him. Je-sus
 said to him, _ *J.* "Ju - das, would you betray the Son of Man_ with a kiss?"
N. When the companions of Jesus saw what was go-ing to hap-pen, they_ said:

All "Lord, shall we use the sword?" *N.* One of them went so far
 as to strike the high priest's ser-vant and cut off his right ear. In an-swer to
 their question, Je - sus__ said: __ *J.* "E - nough!"__ *N.* Then he touched the ear
 and healed the man. But to those who had come out a - gainst him— the chief
 priests, the chief of the temple guard, and the ancients— Je - sus__ said: __
J. "Am I a criminal that you come out after me armed with swords_ and_ clubs?
 When I was with you day after day in the temple you nev-er raised a hand a - gainst me.
 But this is your hour— the tri-umph of dark - ness!"*N.* They led him away
 under ar-rest and brought him to the house of the high priest, while Pe-ter fol-lowed
 at a dis - tance. La - ter they lighted a fire in the middle of the court-yard and
 were sit-ting be - side it, and Pe-ter sat a - mong them. A servant girl saw him

sitting in the light of the fire. She gazed at him in-tent-ly, then — said:

S. "This man was with him." N. He de-nied the fact, say-ing: S. "Wom-an,
I do not know him." N. A little while later someone else saw him
and said, S. "You al-so are one of them." N. But Pe-ter said,
S. "No, sir, not I!" N. A-bout an hour after that, another spoke more
in-sist-ent-ly: S. "This man was certain-ly with him, for he is a Gal-i-le-an."
N. Pe-ter re-pond-ed, S. "My friend, I do not know what you are
talk-ing a-bout." N. At the very moment he was saying this, a roost-er crowed.
The Lord turned around and looked at Pe-ter, and Peter remembered the word that
the Lord had spo-ken to him, "Before the rooster crows to-day you will de-ny
me three times." He went out and wept bit-ter-ly. Mean-while the men guarding

Je - sus amused themselves at his ex - pense. They blind - fold - ed him first,
 slapped him, and then taunt - ed him: *All* "Play the proph - et:
 which one struck you?" *N* And they directed many other in - sult - ing words at him.
 At day - break, the eld - ers of the people, the chief priests, and the scribes
 as - sem - bled a - gain. Once they had brought him before the coun - cil, they said:
All "Tell us, are you the Mes - si - ah?" *N*. He re - plied, —
J. "If I tell you, you will not be - lieve me, and if I ques - tion you, you will
 not an - swer. This much on - ly will I say: 'From now on, the Son of Man will have
 his seat at the right - hand of the Power — of God.'" *N*. They asked in cho - rus,
All "So you are the Son of God?" *N*. He an - swered, —
J. "It is you who say — I am." *N*. They — said, *All* "What need

*Here begins the
short form.*



have we of wit-ness-es? We have heard it from his own mouth." *N.* Then the



en-tire as-sem-bly rose up and led him be-fore Pi-late. They started his prose-



cution by say-ing, *All* "We found this man sub-vert-ing our na-tion, op-pos-ing



the payment of taxes to Cae-sar, and calling himself the Mes-si-ah, a king."



N. Pi-late asked him, *S.* "Are you the King of the Jews?"



N. He an-swered, *J.* "That is your term." *N.* Pi-late reported



to the chief priests and the crowds, *S.* "I do not find a case a-against



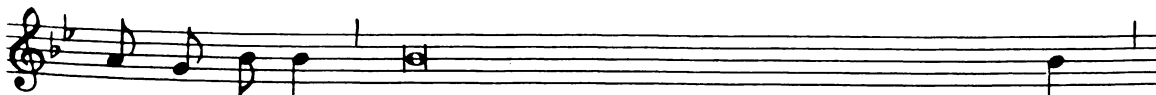
this man." *N.* But they in-sist-ed, *All* "He stirs up the people by his



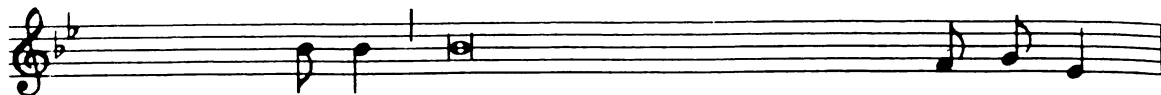
teach-ing throughout the whole of Ju-de-a, from Gal-i-lee, where he be-gan,



to this ver-y place." *N.* On hear-ing this Pilate asked if the man was a



Gal-i-le-an; and when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdic-tion,



he sent him to Her - od, who also happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.



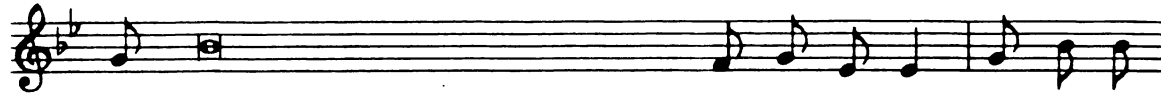
Her - od was extremely pleased to see Je - sus. From the reports about him he had



wanted for a long time to see him, and he was hoping to see him work some



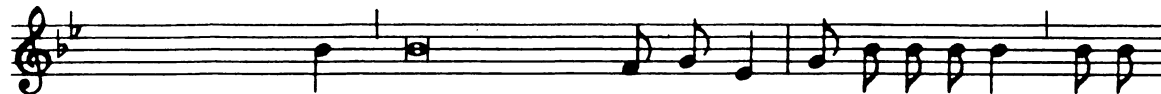
mir - a - cle. He questioned Jesus at consid - era - ble length, but Je - sus made no an - swer.



The chief priests and scribes were at hand to accuse him vehe - ment - ly. Her - od and



his guards then treated him with con - tempt and in - sult, after which they put a



magnificent robe on him and sent him back to Pi - late. Her - od and Pi - late, who had



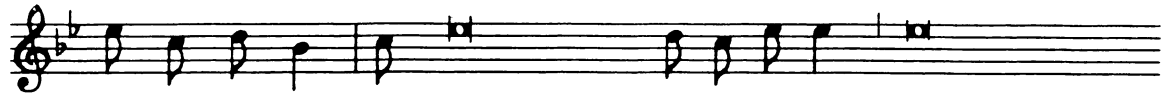
previously been set a - gainst each oth - er, be - came friends from that day.



Pi - late then called together the chief priests, the rul - ing class, and the peo - ple,



and said to them: S. "You have brought this man be - fore me as one who sub -



verts the peo - ple. I have examined him in your presence and have no charge a -

gainst him arising from your al - le - ga - tions. Nei - ther has Her - od, who there - fore
 has sent him back to us; ob - vious - ly this man has done nothing to de - serve death.
 There - fore I mean to re - lease him, once I have taught him a les - son.”
N. The whole crowd cried out, *All* “A - way with this man; re - lease Bar - ab - bas
 for us!” *N.* This Bar - abbas had been thrown in prison for causing an
 uprising in the cit - y, and for mur - der. Pi - late ad - dressed them a - gain, for he wanted
 Jesus to be the one he re - leased. But they shout - ed back, *All* “Cruci - fy him,
 cru - ci - fy him!” *N.* He said to them for the third time, *S.* “What wrong is
 this man - guilt - y of? I have not discovered anything about him deserving of the
 death pen - al - ty. I will therefore chastise him and re - lease him.”
N. But they demanded with loud cries that he be cru - ci - fied, and their shouts

in - creased in vi - o - lence. Pi - late then de - creed that what they de - manded should be
done. He re - leased the one they asked for, who had been thrown in prison for in -
surrec - tion and mur - der, and de - livered Je - sus up to their wish - es. As they led him
a - way, they laid hold of one Si - mon the Cy - re - ne - an, who was coming in from the
fields. They put a crossbeam on Si - mon's shoul - der for him to carry along
be - hind Je - sus. A great crowd of peo - ple fol - lowed him, in - cluding women who beat
their breasts and la - ment - ed o - ver him. Je - sus turned to them and said: -
J. "Daugh - ters of Jerusa - lem, do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves
and for your chil - dren. The days are coming when they will say, 'Hap - py are the
ster - ile, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that nev - er nursed.'
Then they will begin saying to the moun - tains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills,

'Cov - er us.' If they do these things in the green wood, what will hap - pen
in the dry?" *N.* Two others who were criminals were led along with him to
be cru - ci - fied. When they came to the Skull Place, as it was called, they cruci-
fied him there and the crim-i-nals as well, one on his right and the oth - er
on his left. Je - sus — said, — *J.* "Fa - ther, for - give — them; they do not
know what they are do - ing." *N.* They di - vided his gar - ments, roll - ing dice
for them. The people stood there watch - ing and the leaders kept jeering at
him say - ing: *All* "He saved oth - ers; let him save himself if he is the
Mes - si - ah of God, the cho - sen one." *N.* The sol - diers al - so made fun of him,
coming forward to offer him their sour wine and say - ing: *All* "If you are the
King of the Jews, save your - self." *N.* There was an inscription o - ver his

head: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging in cru -

cifixion blas - phemed him, S. "Aren't you the Mes - si - ah? Then save

your - self and us." N. But the oth - er one re - buked him: S. "Have you no

fear of God, seeing you are under the same_ sen - tence? We de - serve it, af - ter` all.

We are only paying the price for what we've done, but this man has done

noth - ing wrong." N. Then_ he said, S. "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you

en - ter up - on your reign." N. And Je - sus re - plied, _ J. "I as - sure you:

this day_ you will be with me in par - a - dise." N. It was now a - round

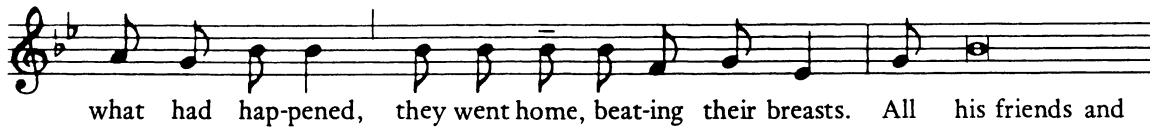
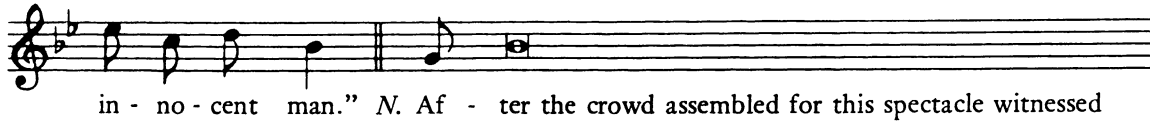
mid - day, and darkness came over the whole land until mid - af - ter - noon with an

e - clipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two. Je - sus ut - tered

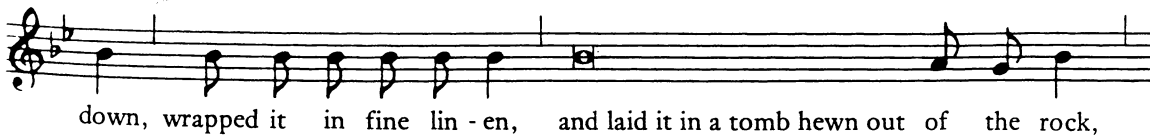
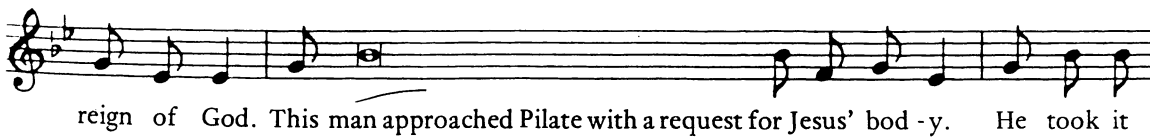
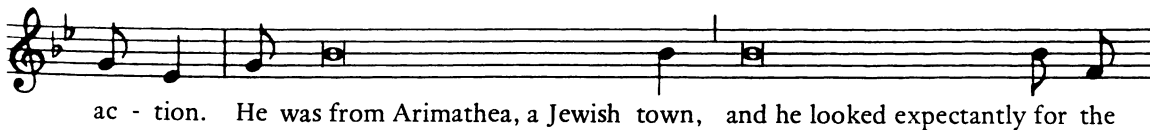
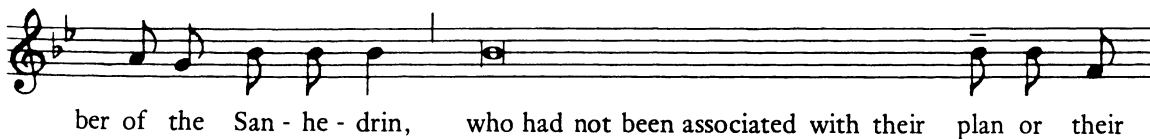
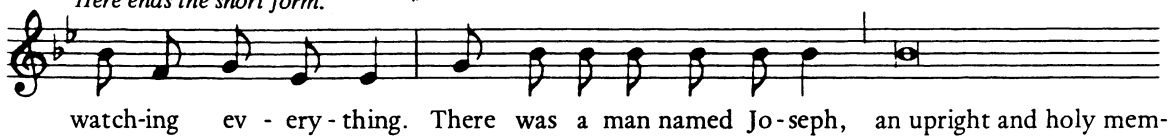
a loud cry_ and said, _ J. "Fa - ther, into your hands I com - mend_ my



Kneel and pause.



Here ends the short form. *



* *The Narrator sings: This is the gospel of the Lord (as at the end).*



in which no one had yet been bur - ied. That was the Day of Prep - a - ra - tion, and the



sabbath was about to be - gin. The women who had come with him from Gal - i - lee



fol - lowed a - long. They saw the tomb and how his bod - y was bur - ied. Then they went



back home to prepare spices and per - fumes. They observed the sabbath as a day of rest,



in ac - cord - ance with the law.



This is the gos - pel of the Lord. —