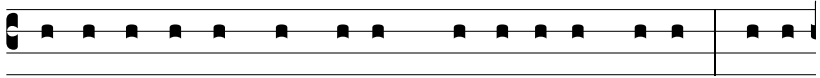


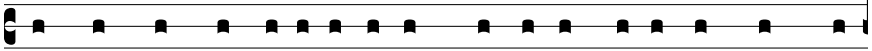
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THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

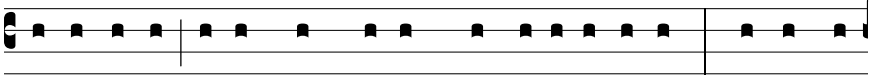
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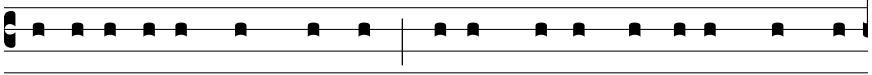
The Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to John. Je-sus



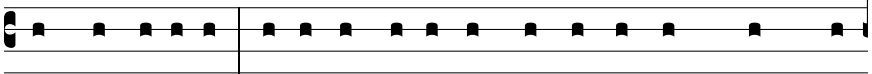
went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there



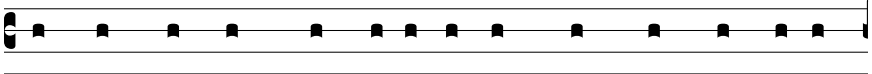
was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Ju-das his



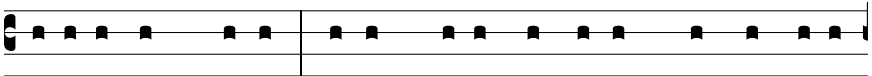
betray-er also knew the place, because Je-sus had often met there



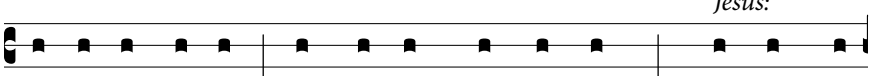
with his disciples. So Ju-das got a band of soldiers and guards from



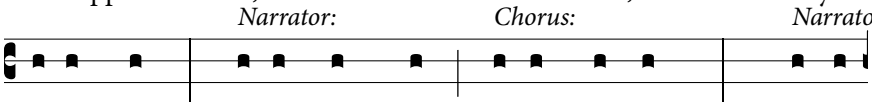
the chief priests and the Phar-i-sees and went there with lanterns,



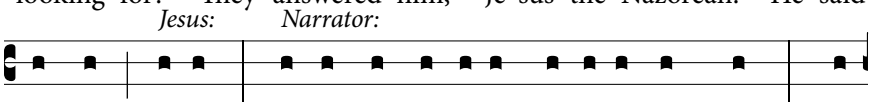
torch-es, and weapons. Je-sus, knowing everything that was go-ing



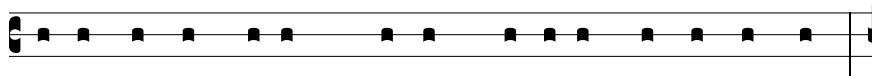
to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you



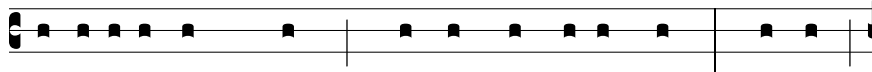
looking for?" They answered him, "Je-sus the Nazorean." He said



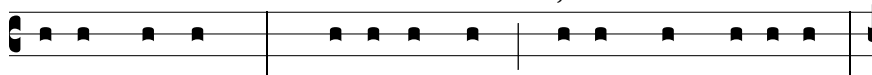
to them, "I AM." Ju-das his betray-er was also with them. When



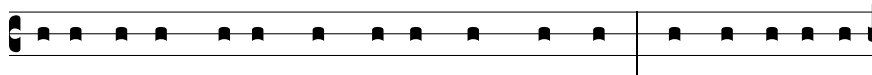
he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground.  
*Jesus:* *Narrator:*



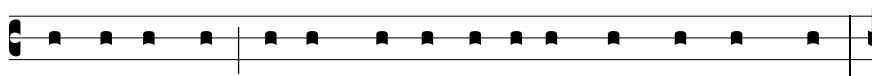
So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said,  
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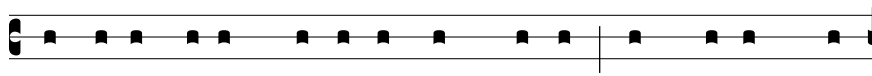
"Je-sus the Nazorean." Je-sus answered, "I told you that I AM."  
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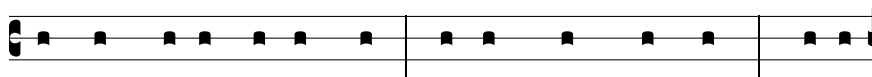
So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to ful-fill



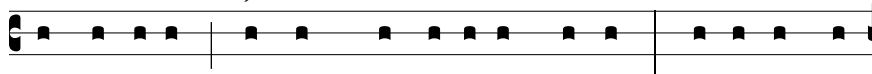
what he had said, "I have not lost an-y of those you gave me."



Then Simon Pe-ter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's



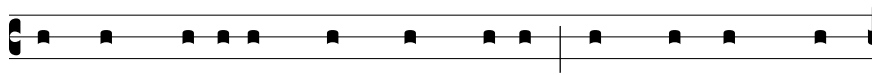
slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Je-sus  
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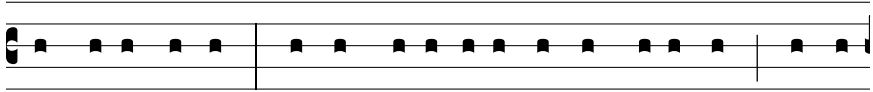
said to Pe-ter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink  
*Narrator:*



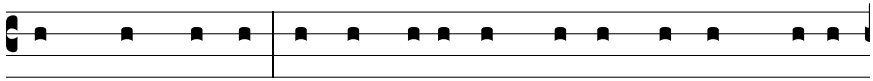
the cup that the Father gave me?" So the band of soldiers, the trib-



une, and the Jewish guards seized Je-sus, bound him, and brought



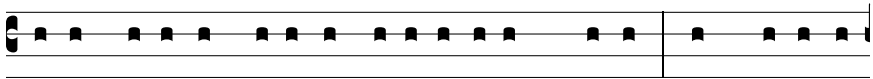
him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Cai-aphas, who was



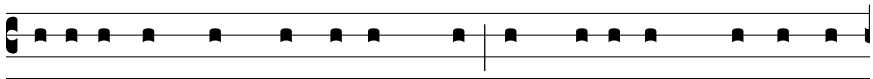
high priest that year. It was Cai-aphas who had counseled the Jews



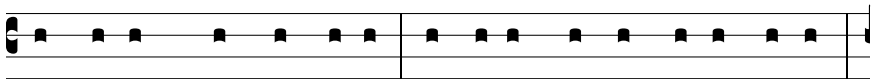
that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.



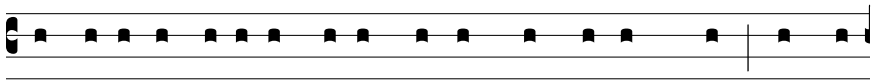
Simon Pe-ter and another disciple followed Je-sus. Now the other



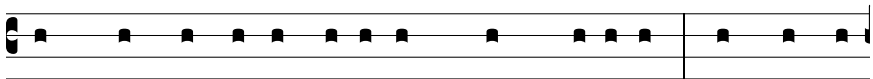
disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard



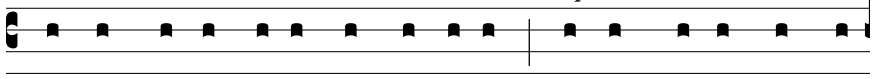
of the high priest with Je-sus. But Pe-ter stood at the gate outside.



So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out



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



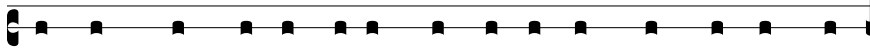
who was the gatekeeper said to Pe-ter, "You are not one of this

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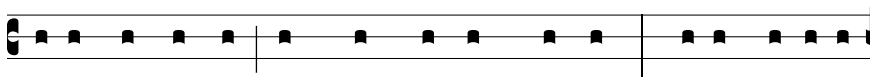
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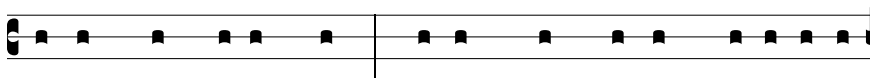
man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and



the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made,

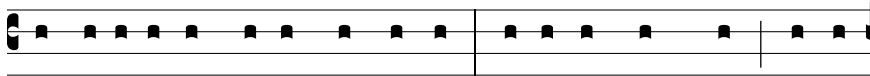


because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Pe-ter was also

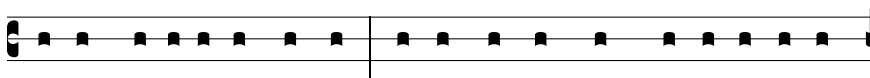


standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Je-sus about

*Jesus:*



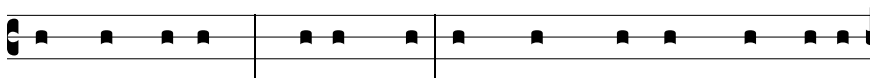
his disciples and about his doctrine. Je-sus answered him, "I have



spo-ken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a syn-a-gogue

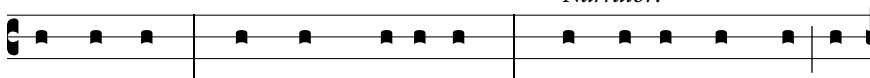


or in the temple ar-e-a where all the Jews gather, and in secret I



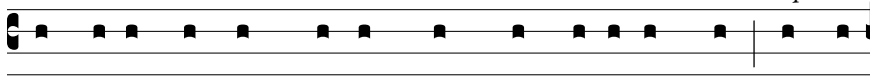
have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I

*Narrator:*



said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one

*Speaker:*



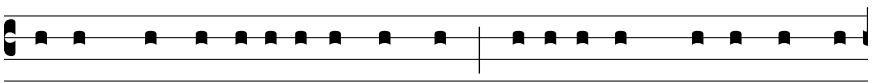
of the temple guards standing there struck Je-sus and said, "Is this

*Narrator:*

*Jesus:*



the way you answer the high priest?" Je-sus answered him, "If I have



spo-ken wrongly, testi-fy to the wrong; but if I have spo-ken rightly,  
*Narrator:*



why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Cai-aphas



the high priest. Now Simon Pe-ter was standing there keeping warm.  
*Chorus:*



And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?"  
*Narrator: Speaker: Narrator:*



He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high



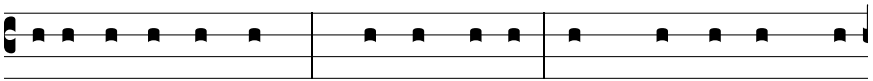
priest, a rel-a-tive of the one whose ear Pe-ter had cut off, said,  
*Speaker: Narrator:*



"Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Pe-ter denied it.



And imme-di-ately the cock crowed. Then they brought Je-sus from



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



not enter the praetorium, in order not to be de-filed so that they



could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

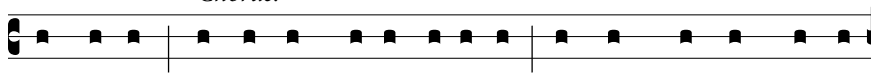
*Speaker:*

*Narrator:*



“What charge do you bring against this man?” They answered and

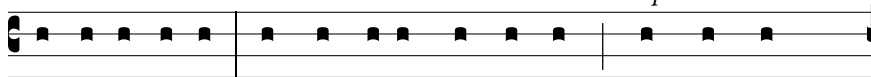
*Chorus:*



said to him, “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed

*Narrator:*

*Speaker:*



him over to you.” At this, Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves,

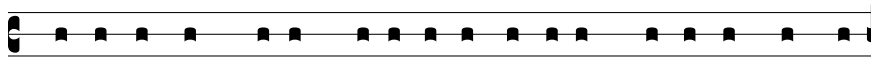
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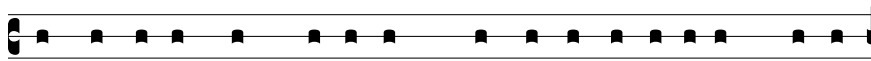
and judge him according to your law.” The Jews answered him,

*Chorus:*

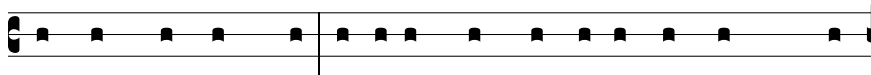
*Narrator:*



“We do not have the right to execute anyone,” in order that the



word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind



of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and

*Speaker:*



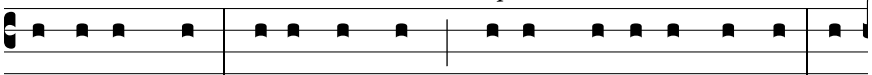
summoned Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

*Narrator:*

*Jesus:*



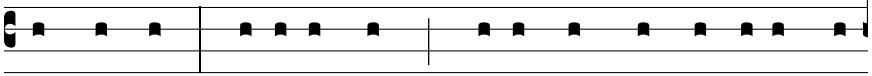
Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told

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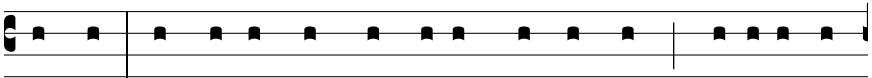
you about me?" Pi-late answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your



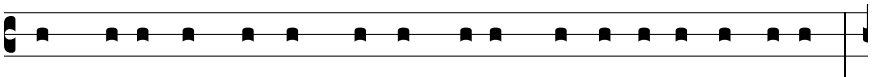
own nation and the chief priests handed you o-ver to me. What

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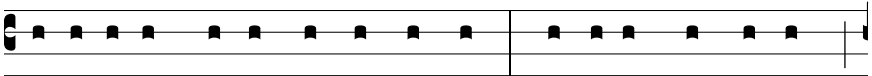
have you done?" Je-sus answered, "My kingdom does not be-long to



this world. If my kingdom did be-long to this world, my attendants



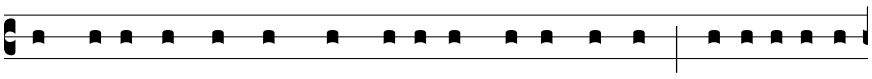
would be fighting to keep me from be- ing handed o-ver to the Jews.

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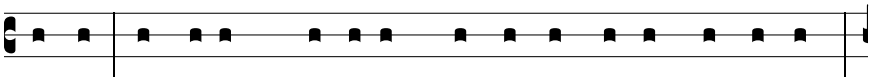
But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pi-late said to him,

*Speaker:**Narrator:**Jesus:*

"Then you are a king?" Je-sus answered, "You say I am a king.



For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testi-fy to

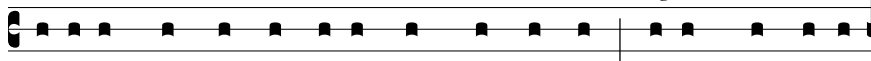


the truth. Every- one who be-longs to the truth lis-tens to my voice."

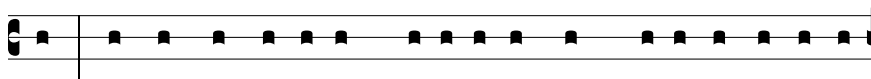
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Pi-late said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this,

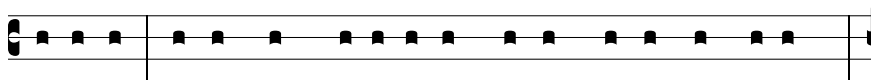


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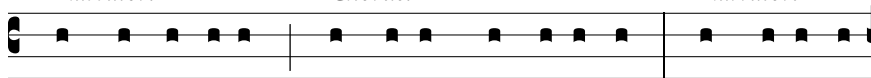
he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in



him. But you have a custom that I re-lease one pris-on-er to you at



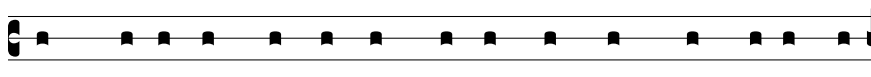
Passo-ver. Do you want me to re-lease to you the King of the Jews?"

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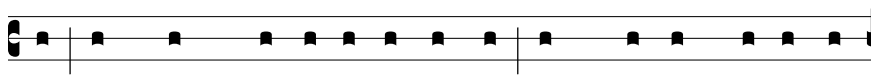
They cried out again, "Not this one but Bar-abbas!" Now Bar-abbas



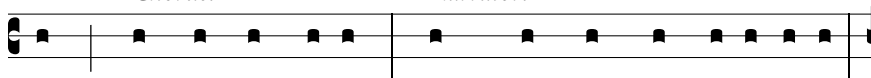
was a rev-o-lutionar-y. Then Pi-late took Je-sus and had him scourged.



And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his



head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and

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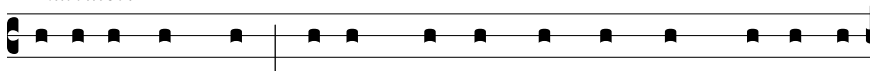
said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeat-edly.

*Speaker:*

Once more Pi-late went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing



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

*Narrator:*

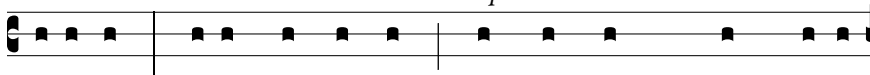
So Je-sus came out, wear-ing the crown of thorns and the purple

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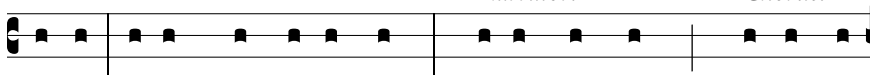
cloak. And he said to them, "Be-hold, the man!" When the chief

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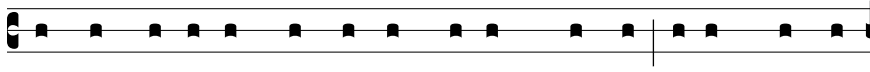
priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Cru-ci-fy him, cru-

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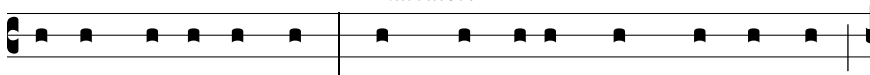
ci-fy him!" Pi-late said to them, "Take him yourselves and cru-ci-

*Narrator:**Chorus:*

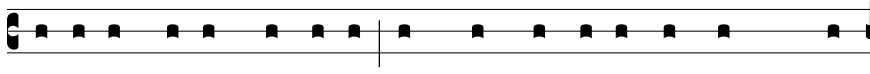
fy him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a



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

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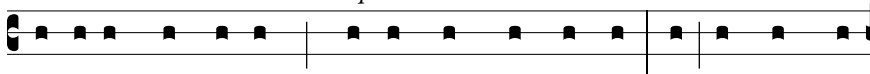
himself the Son of God." Now when Pi-late heard this statement,



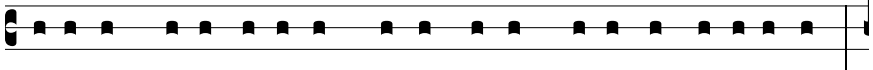
he be-came e-ven more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and

*Speaker:**Narrator:*

said to Je-sus, "Where are you from?" Je-sus did not answer him.

*Speaker:*

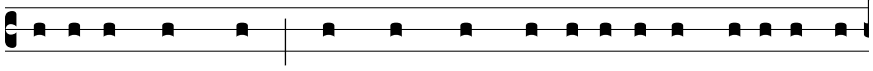
So Pi-late said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know



that I have power to re-lease you and I have power to cru-ci-fy you?"

*Narrator:*

*Jesus:*



Je-sus answered him, "You would have no power o-ver me if it had



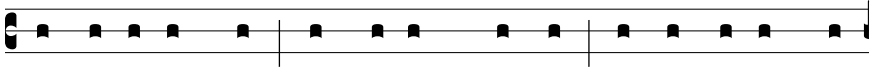
not been giv-en to you from a-bove. For this reason the one who

*Narrator:*



handed me o-ver to you has the great-er sin." Consequently, Pi-late

*Chorus:*

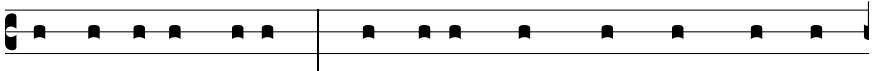


tried to re-lease him; but the Jews cried out, "If you re-lease him,



you are not a Friend of Caesar. Every-one who makes himself a

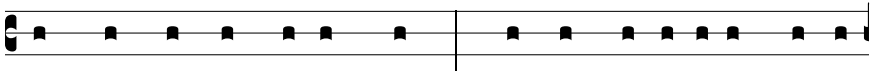
*Narrator:*



king oppos-es Caesar." When Pi-late heard these words he brought

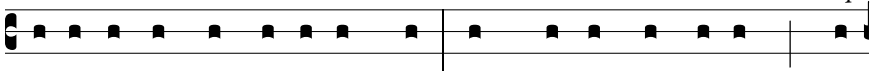


Je-sus out and seat-ed him on the judge's bench in the place called

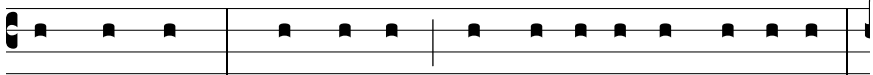


Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was prep-a-ration day for

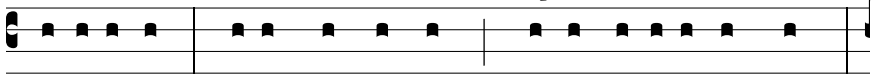
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Passo-ver, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Be-

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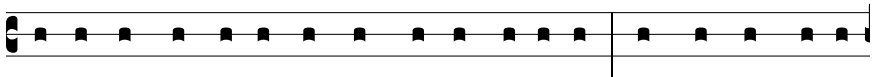
hold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away!

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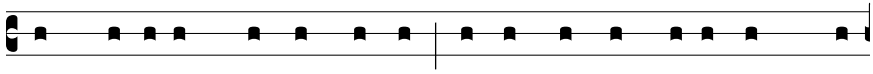
Cru-ci-fy him!" Pi-late said to them, "Shall I cru-ci-fy your king?"

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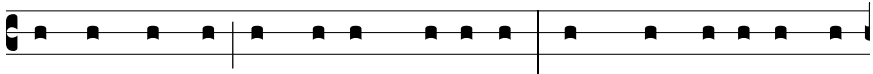
The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then



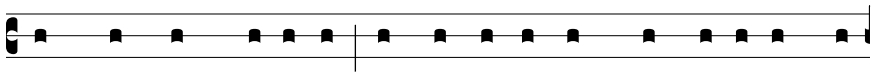
he handed him o-ver to them to be cru-ci-fied. So they took Je-sus,



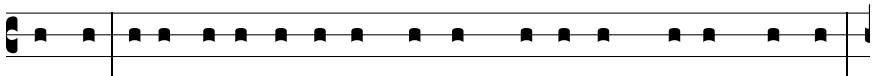
and, carry-ing the cross himself, he went out to what is called the



Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they cru-ci-fied him,



and with him two others, one on either side, with Je-sus in the



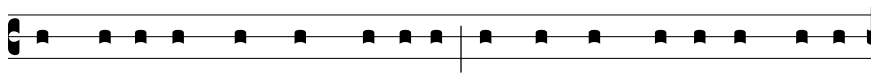
middle. Pi-late also had an inscription writ-ten and put on the cross.



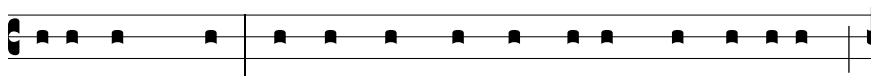
It read, "Je-sus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now man-y



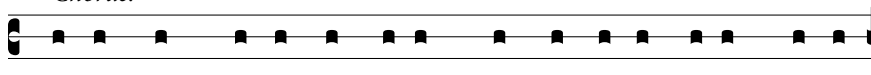
of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Je-sus



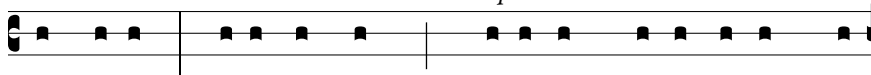
was cru-ci-fied was near the cit-y; and it was writ-ten in Hebrew,



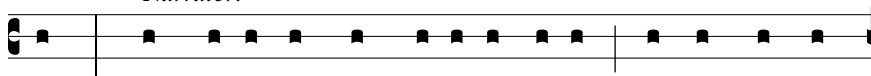
Lat-in, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pi-late,  
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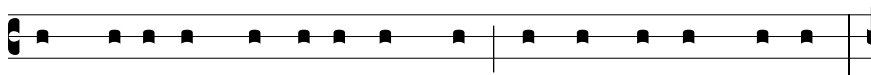
“Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the King  
*Narrator:* *Speaker:*



of the Jews.” Pi-late answered, “What I have writ-ten, I have writ-  
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ten.” When the soldiers had cru-ci-fied Je-sus, they took his clothes



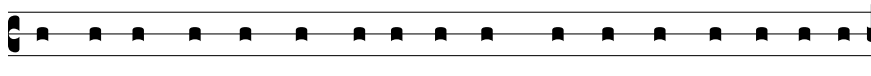
and di-vid-ed them into four shares, a share for each soldier.



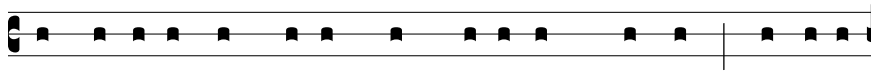
They also took his tu-nic, but the tu-nic was seamless, wo-ven in  
*Chorus:*



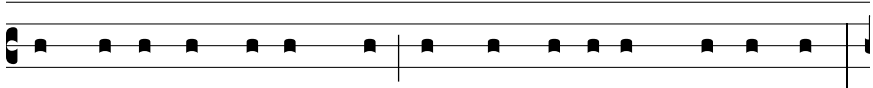
one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, “Let’s  
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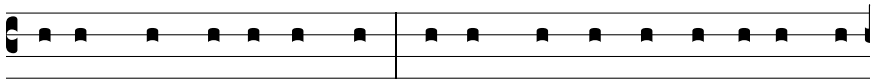
not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,” in order



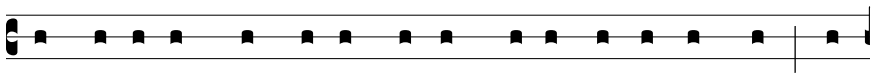
that the passage of Scripture might be ful-filled that says: They di-vid-



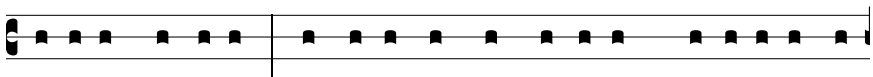
ed my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.



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

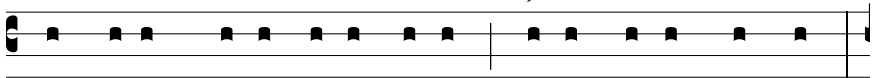


his mother and his mother's sis-ter, Mar-y the wife of Clopas, and



Mar-y of Magda-la. When Je-sus saw his mother and the disciple there

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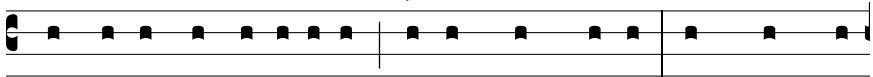


whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, be-hold, your son."

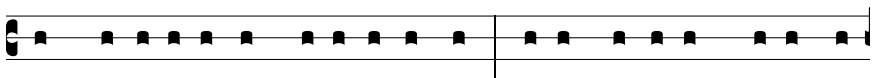
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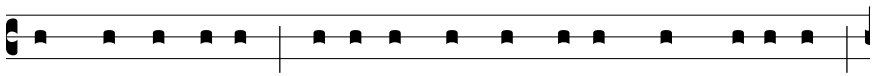
*Narrator:*



Then he said to the disciple, "Be-hold, your mother." And from that



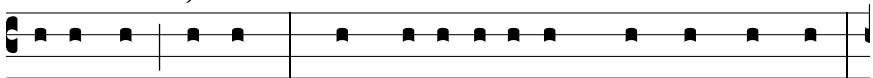
hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that every-



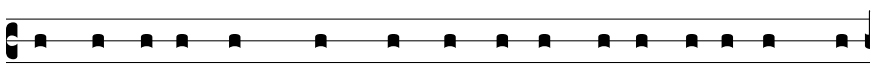
thing was now fin-ished, in order that the Scripture might be ful-filled,

*Jesus:*

*Narrator:*



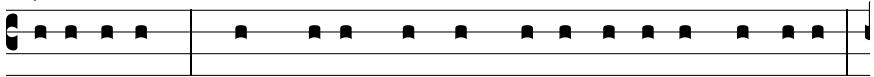
Je-sus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine.



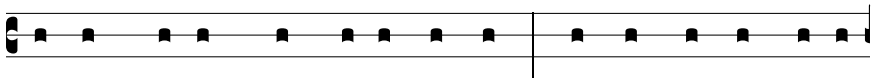
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put



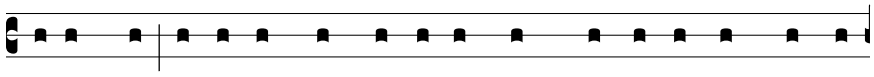
it up to his mouth. When Je-sus had tak-en the wine, he said,  
*Jesus:*                      *Narrator:*



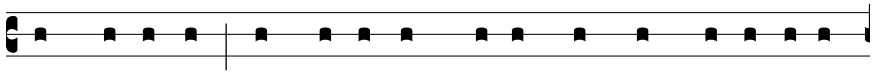
“It is fin-ished.” And bowing his head, he handed o-ver the spir-it.



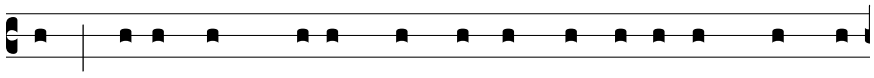
Here all kneel and pause for a short time. Now since it was prep-a-



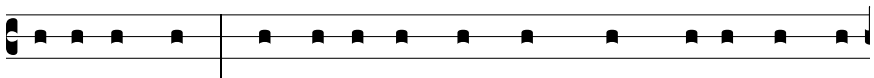
ration day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross



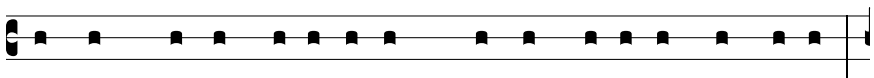
on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a sol-emn



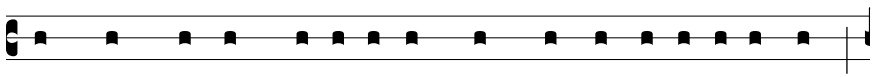
one, the Jews asked Pi-late that their legs be bro-ken and that they



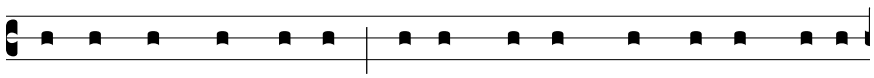
be tak-en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the



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



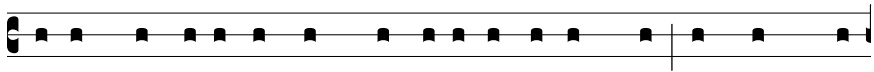
But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead,



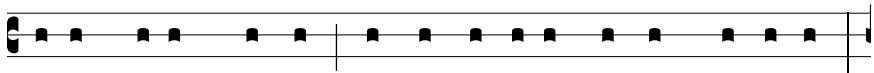
they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into



his side, and imme-di- ately blood and wa-ter flowed out. An eye-



witness has testi-fied, and his testimo-ny is true; he knows that



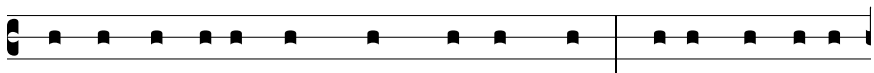
he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to be-lieve.



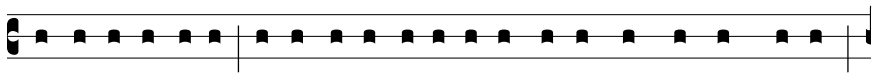
For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be ful-filled:



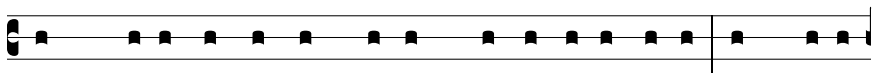
Not a bone of it will be bro-ken. And again another passage says:



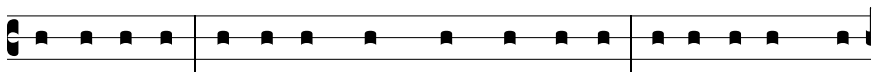
They will look upon him whom they have pierced. After this, Jo-seph



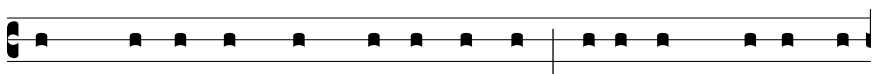
of Ar-imathe- a, secret-ly a disci-ple of Je-sus for fear of the Jews,



asked Pi-late if he could remove the bod-y of Je-sus. And Pi-late

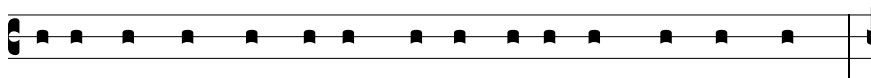


permitt-ed it. So he came and took his bod-y. Nic-o-demus, the

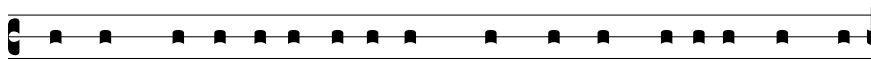


one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a





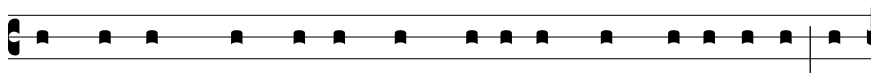
mixture of myrrh and al-oes weighing about one hundred pounds.



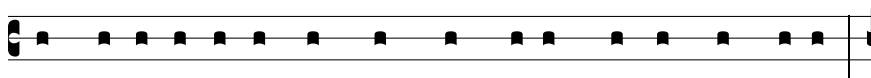
They took the bod-y of Je-sus and bound it with bur-i- al cloths a-



long with the spic-es, according to the Jewish bur-i- al custom. Now



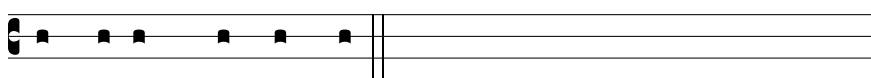
in the place where he had been cru-ci-fied there was a garden, and



in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried.



So they laid Je-sus there because of the Jewish prep-a-ration day;



for the tomb was close by.