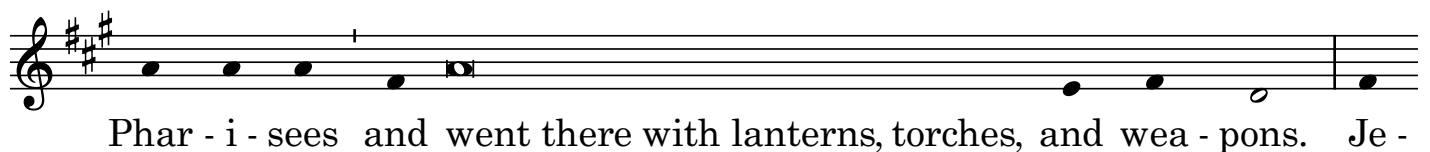
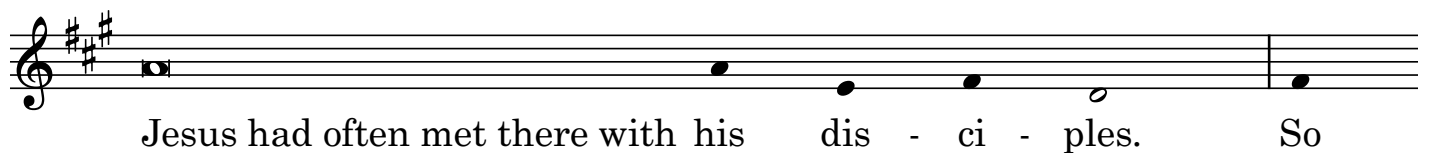
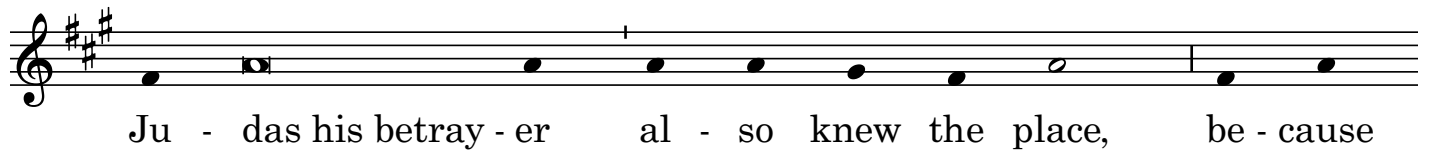
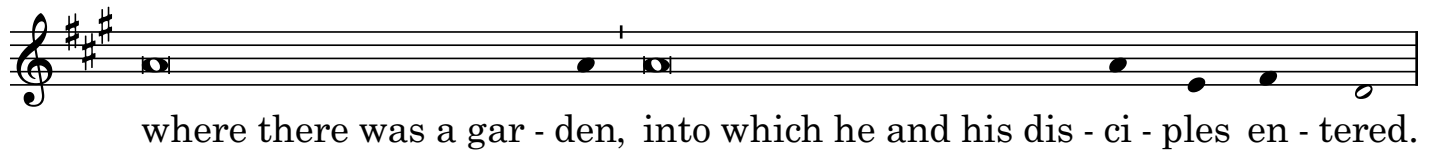
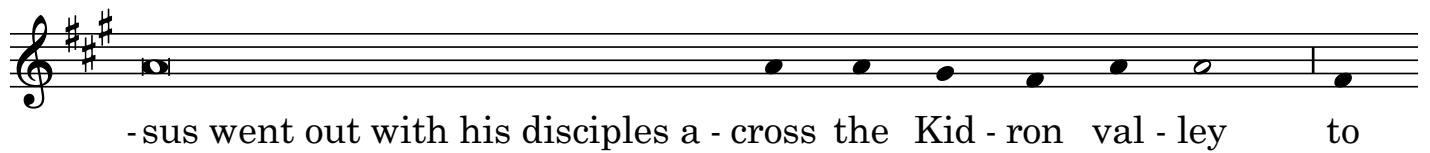


The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

Jn 18: 1-19: 42

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-sus, knowing everything that was going to hap - pen to him, went out

and said to them, "Whom are you look - ing for?" They an - swered him,

"Je - sus the Naz - o - re - an." He said to them, "I AM." Ju - das his

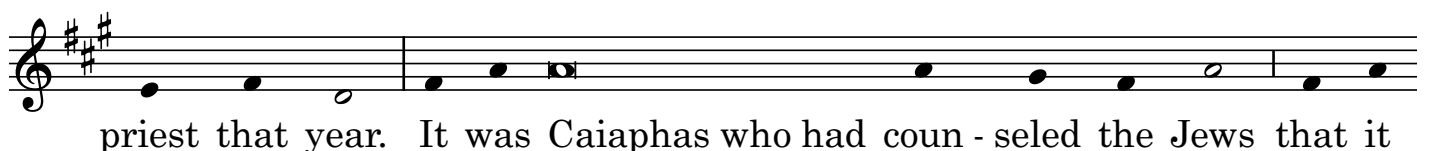
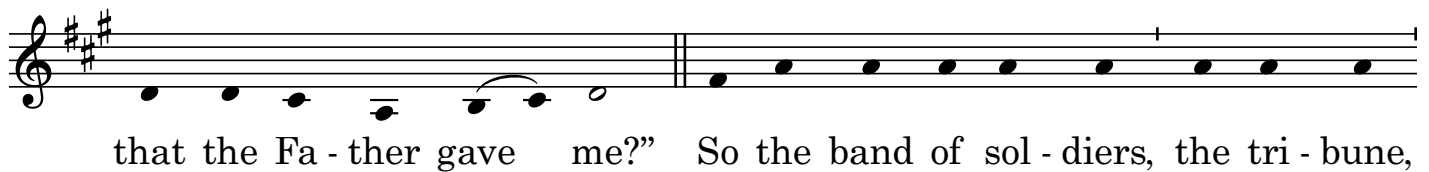
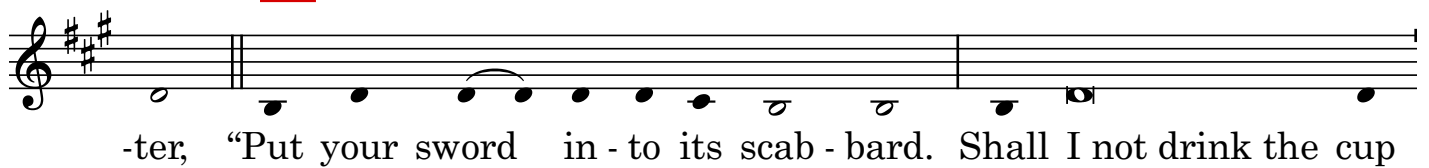
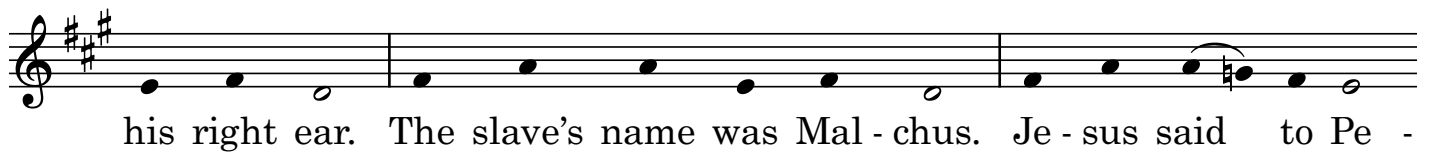
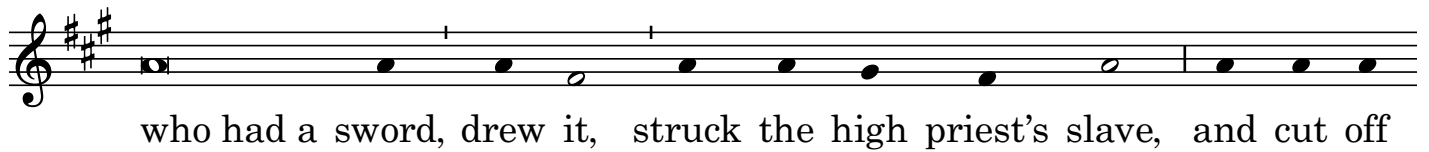
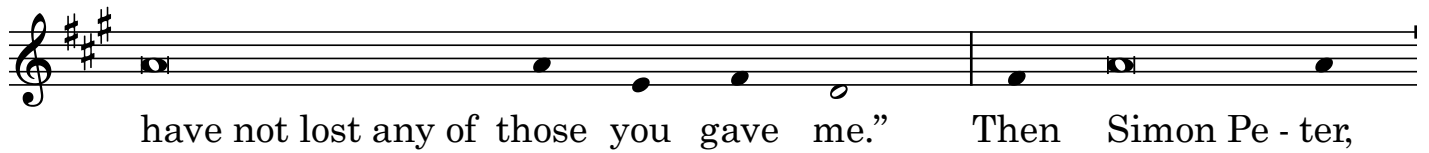
be - trayer was al - so with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they

turned away and fell to the ground. So he a - gain asked them,

"Whom are you look - ing for?" They said, "Je - sus the Naz - o - re - an."

Je - sus an - swered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are look - ing

for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I



was better that one man should die rather than the peo - ple. Si - mon

Peter and an - oth - er dis - ci - ple fol - lowed 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

Peter stood at the gate out - side. So the other disciple,

the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gate-

-keeper and brought Pe - ter in. Then the maid who was the gate-

V.

-keeper said to Pe - ter, "You are not one of this man's dis - ci - ples, are

N. you?" He said, V. "I am not." N. Now the

slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had

made, be - cause it was cold, and were warm - ing them - selves. Pe - ter

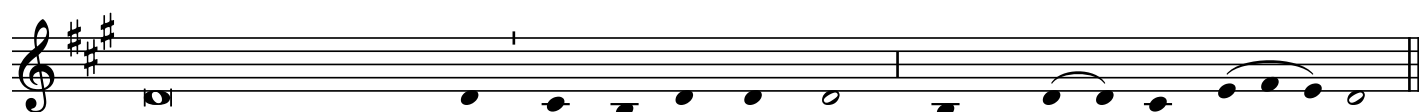
was al - so stand - ing there keep - ing warm. The high priest ques -

-tioned Je - sus a - bout his dis - ciples and a - bout his doc - trine. Je -

✠ -sus an - swered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have

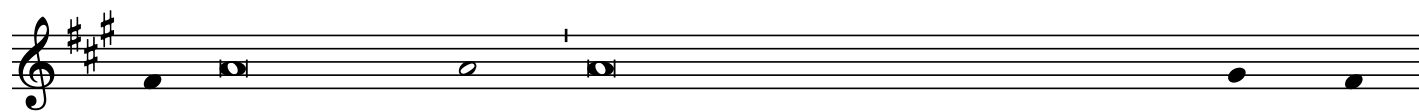
always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews

ga - ther, and in se - cret I have said noth - ing. Why ask me? Ask



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

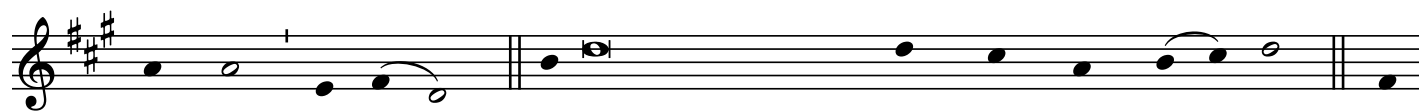
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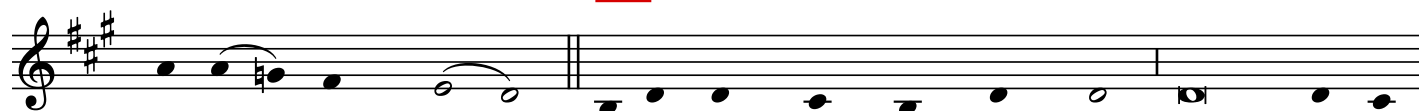
When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck

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Je - sus and said, "Is this the way you an - swer the high priest?" Je -



-sus an-swered him, "If I have spok - en wrong - ly, testify to the

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wrong; but if I have spok - en right - ly, why do you strike me?" Then



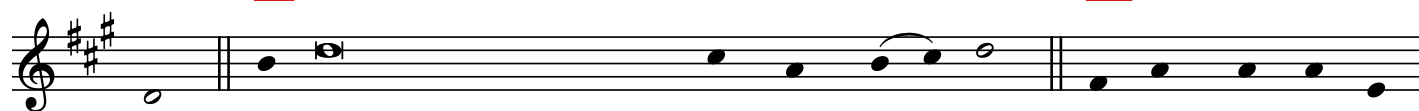
Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now



Simon Peter was standing there keep - ing warm. And they said to

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him, "You are not one of his dis - ci - ples, are you?" He de - nied it and

V. N.

said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a

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relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you

N.

in the gar - den with him?" A - gain Pe - ter de - nied it. And im -

-mediate - ly the cock crowed. Then they brought Je - sus from Cai - a -

-phas to the prae - to - ri - um. It was morn - ing. And

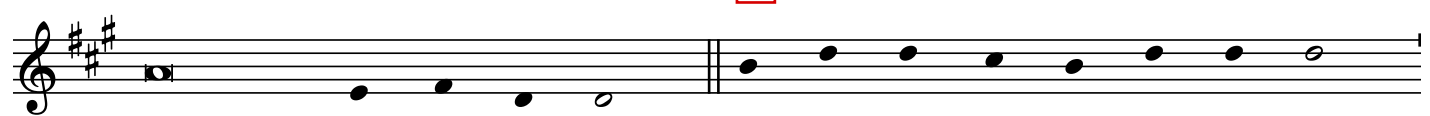
they themselves did not enter the praetori - um, in order not to be de -

-filed so that they could eat the Pass - ov - er. So Pi - late came out to

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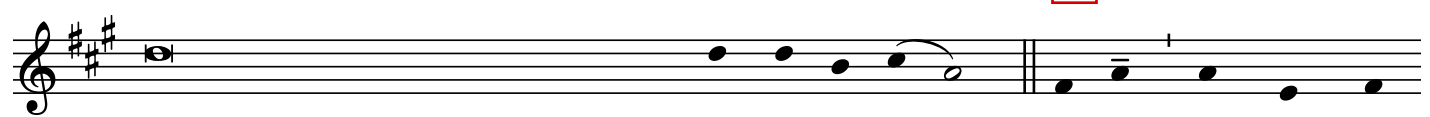
them and said, "What charge do you bring a - gainst this man?" They

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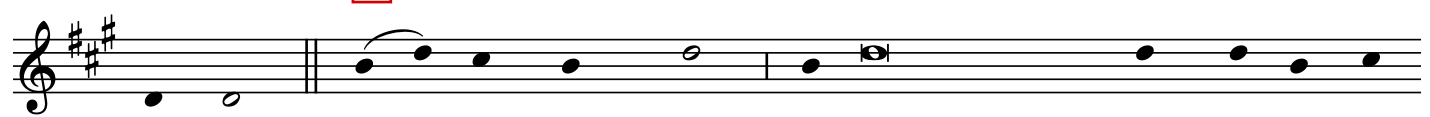
answered and said to him, “If he were not a crim - i - nal,

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we would not have handed him ov - er to you.” At this, Pi - late said

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to them, “Take him your - selves, and judge him ac - cord - ing to your

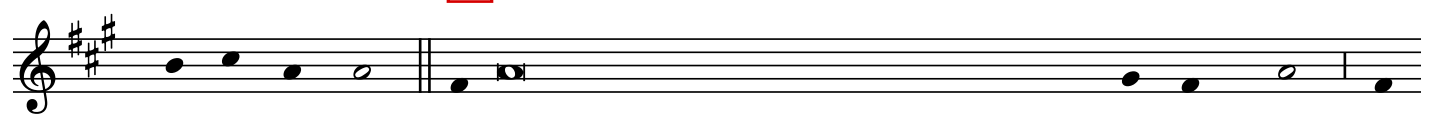
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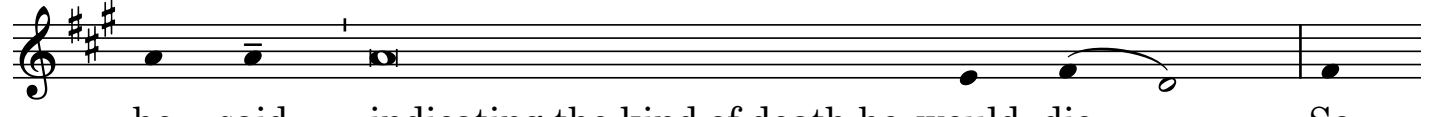


law.” The Jews an - swered him, “We do not have the right to ex - e -

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cute an - y - one,” in order that the word of Jesus might be ful - filled that



he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So



Pilate went back into the prae - tor - i - um and sum - moned Je - sus

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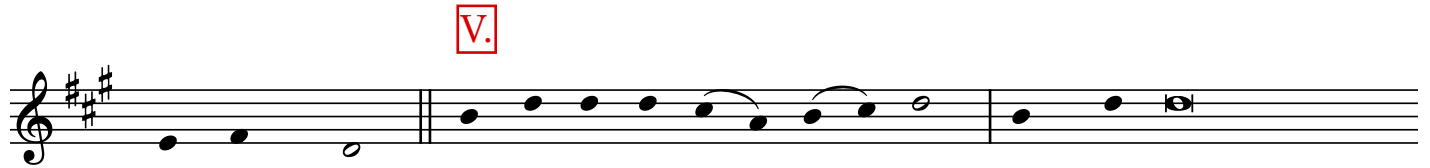
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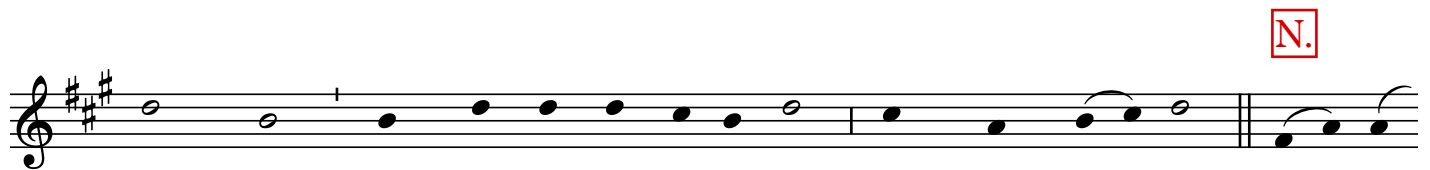
and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Je - sus an - swered,



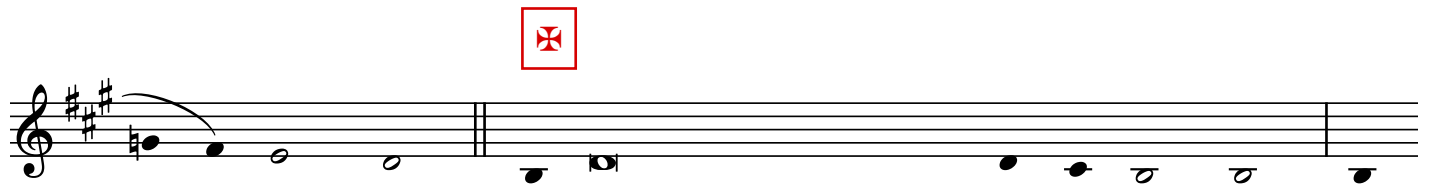
“Do you say this on your own or have others told you a - bout me?” Pi-



-late an - swered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the



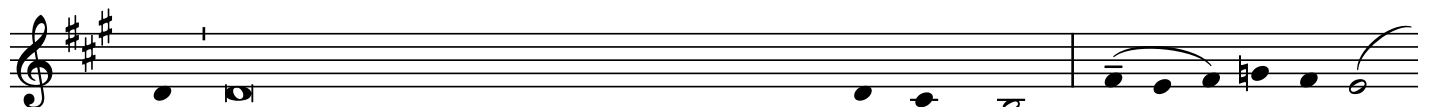
chief priests hand - ed you ov - er to me. What have you done?” Je - sus



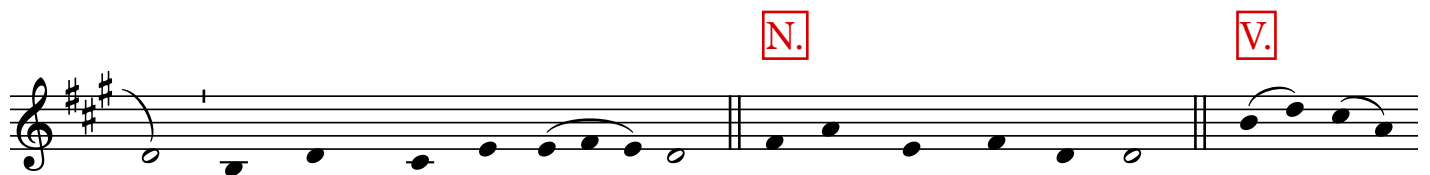
an - swered, “My kingdom does not be - long to this world. If



my kingdom did belong to this world, my at - tendants would be fight-



-ing to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is,



my king - dom is not here.” So Pi - late said to him, “Then you



are a king?” Je - sus an - swered, “You say I am a

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

to the truth. Ev - 'ry one who be - longs to the truth lis - tens to my

N. V. N.

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

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a - gain went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him.

But you have a cus - tom that I release one prisoner to you at Pass - ov -

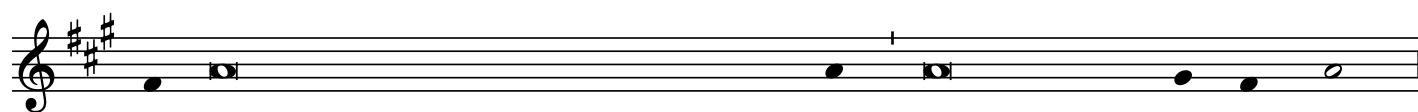
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-er. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They

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cried out a - gain, "Not this one but Bar - ab - bas!" Now Bar - abbas was a

rev - o - lu - tion - ar - y. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.



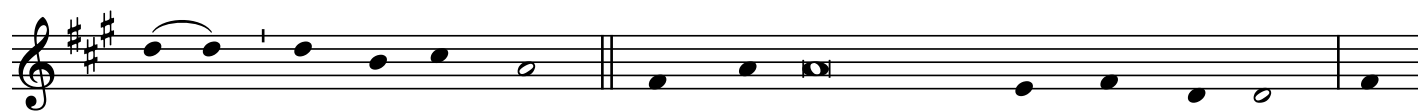
And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head,



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

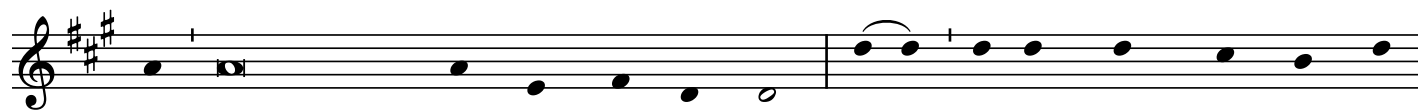
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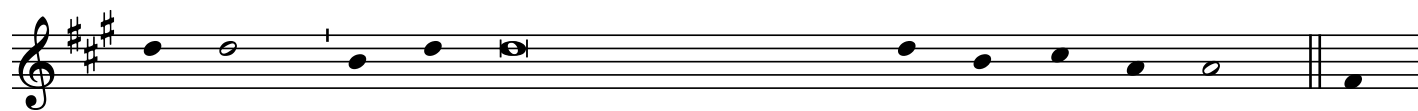
“Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him re - peat - ed - ly. Once

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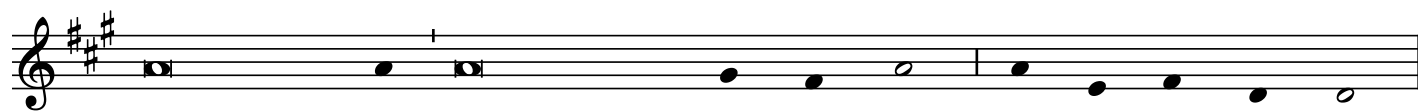


more Pilate went out and said to them, “Look, I am bring - ing him out

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to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” So



Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the pur - ple cloak.

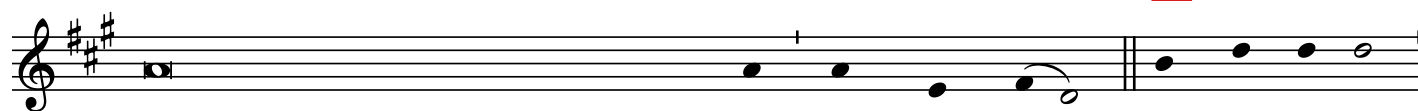
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And he said to them, “Be - hold, the man!” When the

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chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, “Cru - ci - fy him,

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

-ci - fy him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews an - swered, "We have a

law, and according to that law he ought to die, be -

-cause he made himself the Son of God." Now when

Pilate heard this state - ment, he became even more a - fraid, and

went back into the praetori - um and said to Je - sus, "Where are you

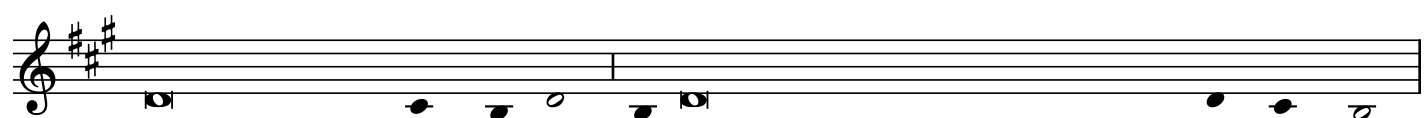
from?" Jesus did not an - swer him. So Pi - late said to him, "Do you not

speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to re - lease you and

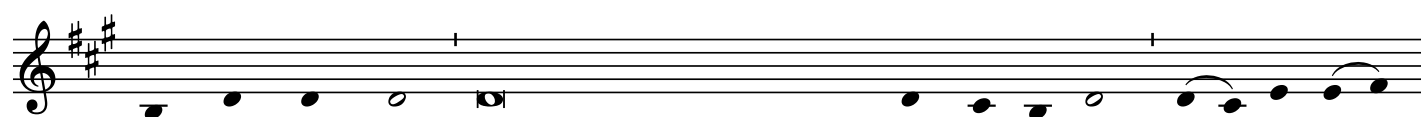
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I have power to cru - ci - fy you?" Je - sus an - swered him, "You would

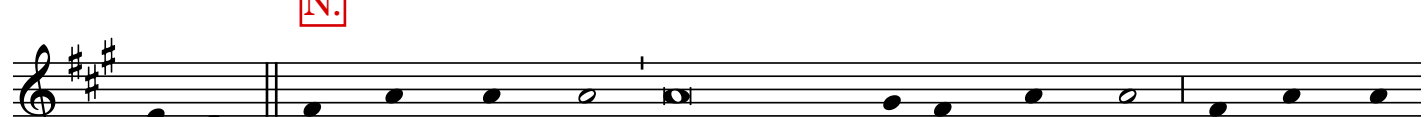


have no power o - ver me if it had not been given to you from a - bove.



For this rea - son the one who handed me o - ver to you has the great-

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-er sin." Con - se - quent - ly, Pilate tried to re - lease him; but the Jews

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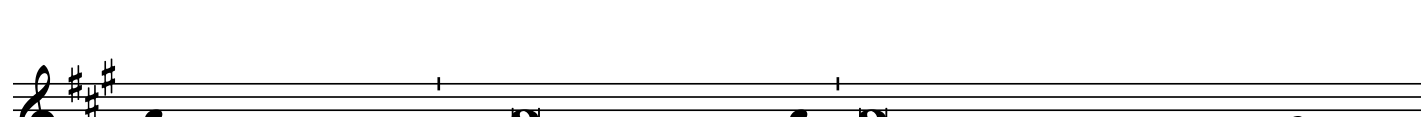


cried out, "If you re - lease him, you are not a Friend of Cae - sar. Ev-

[N.]



-ryone who makes him - self a king op - pos - es Cae - sar." When Pilate



heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judg - e's



bench in the place called Stone Pave - ment, in He - brew, Gab - ba - tha.

It was preparation day for Pass - o - ver, and it was a - bout noon. And

he said to the Jews, “Be - hold, your king!” They cried out, “Take

him a - way, take him a - way! Cru - ci - fy him!” Pi - late said to them,

“Shall I cru - ci - fy your king?” The chief priests an - swered, “We have

no king but Cae - sar.” Then he handed him o - ver to them to be cru-

-ci - fied. So they took Je - sus, and, carrying the cross him - self,

he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in He - brew, Gol -

-go - tha. There they crucified him, and with him two oth - ers, one on

ei - ther side, with Jesus in the mid - dle. Pi - late also had an in - scrip -

-tion writ - ten and put on the cross. It read, "Je - sus the Naz - o - re -

-an, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this in - scrip -

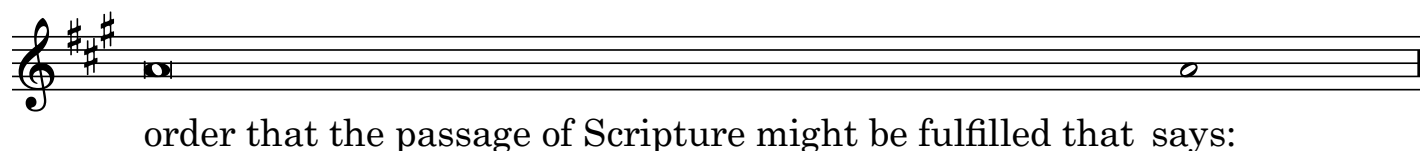
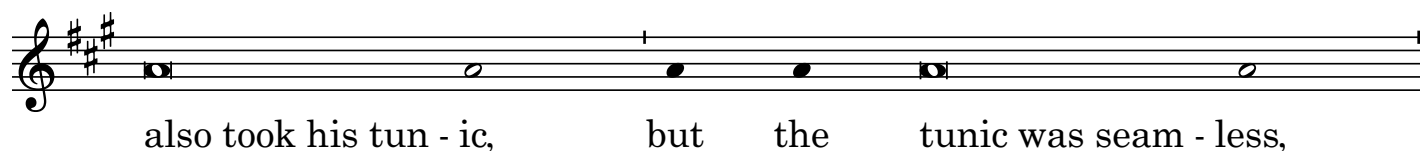
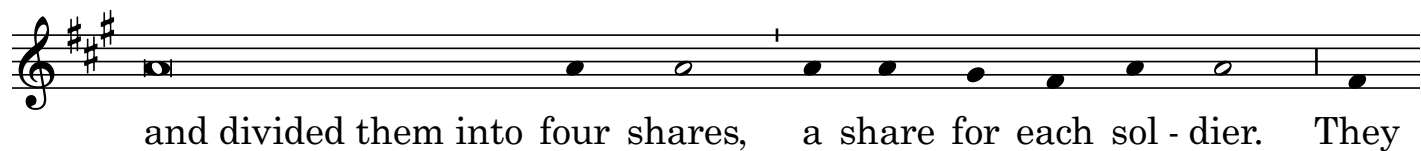
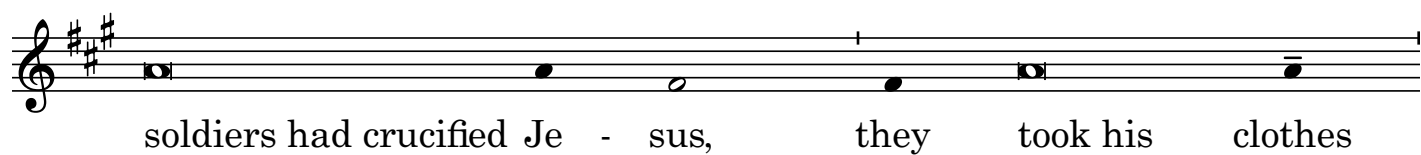
-tion, be - cause the place where Jesus was cru - ci - fied was near the cit -

-y; and it was written in He - brew, La - tin, and Greek. So

the chief priests of the Jews said to Pi - late, "Do not write 'The King

of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" Pi - late

an - swered, "What I have writ - ten, I have writ - ten." When the



-sus were his moth - er and his mother's sis - ter, Mary the wife of

Clo - pas, and Mary of Mag - da - la. When Jesus saw his moth - er and

the disciple there whom he loved he said to his moth, - er, "Wo -

- man, be - hold, your son." Then he said to the dis - ci - ple, "Be -

-hold, your moth - er." And from that hour the disciple took her in - to

his home. Af - ter this, aware that every thing was now fin - ished, in

order that the Scripture might be ful - filled, 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 hys - sop and put it up to

his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is fin -

-ished." And bow - ing his head, he hand - ed o - ver the spi - rit.

Pause and kneel in silence.

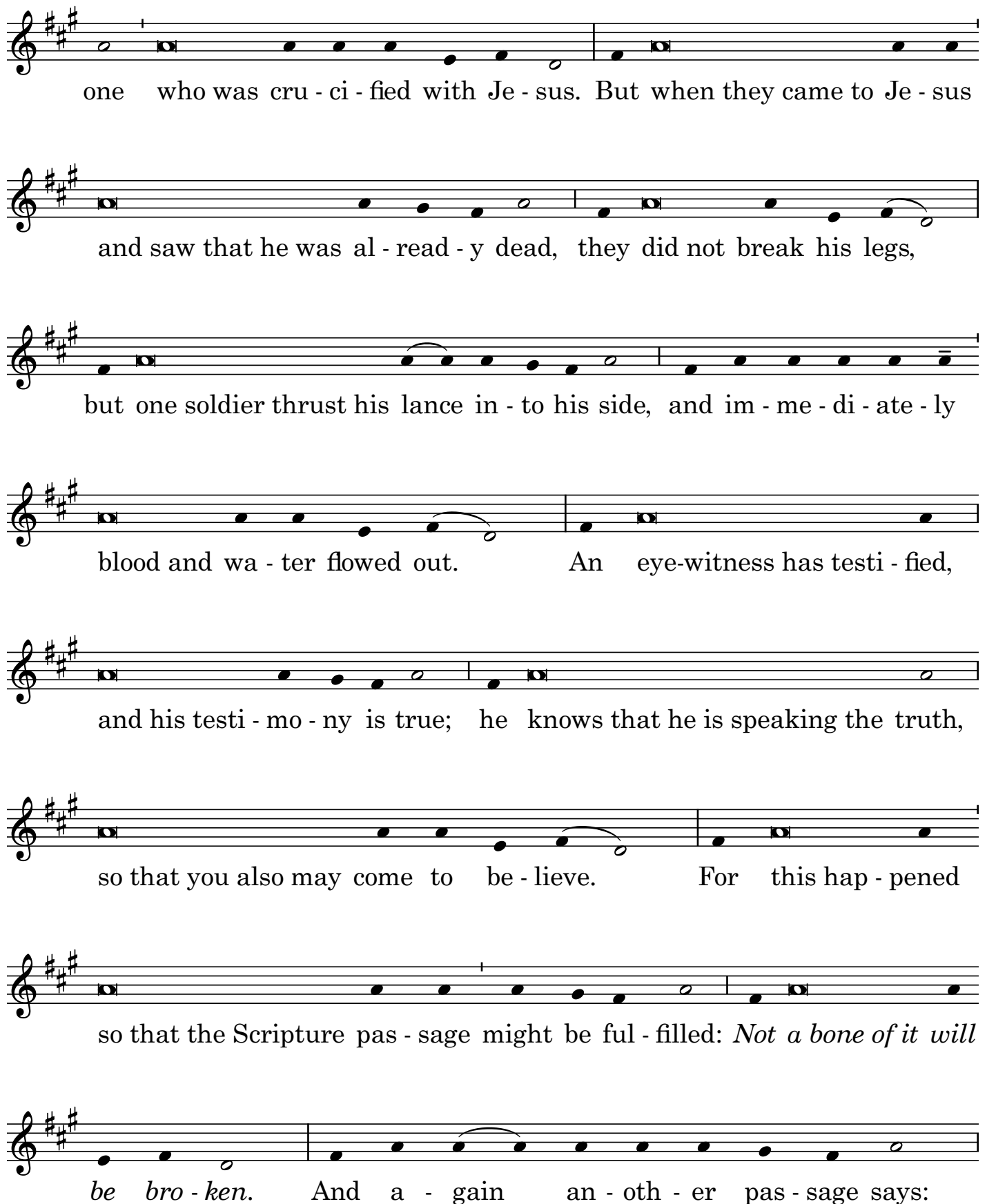
Now since it was preparation day,

in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sab - bath,

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 al - read - y dead, they did not break his legs,

but one soldier thrust his lance in - to his side, and im - me - di - ate - ly

blood and wa - ter flowed out. An eye-witness has testi - fied,

and his testi - mo - ny is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth,

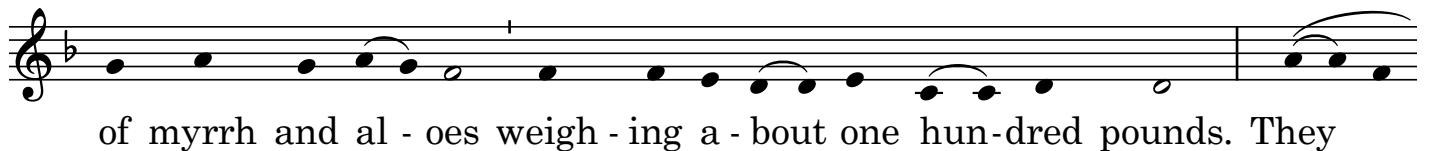
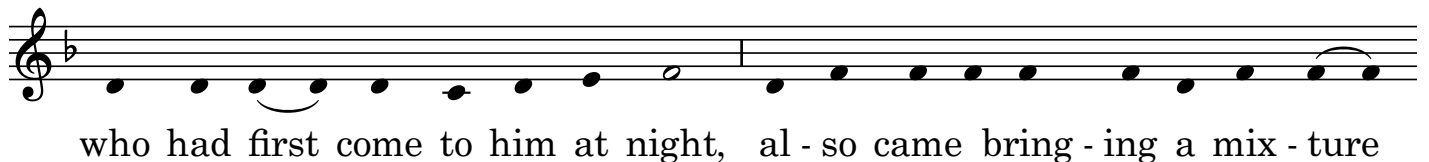
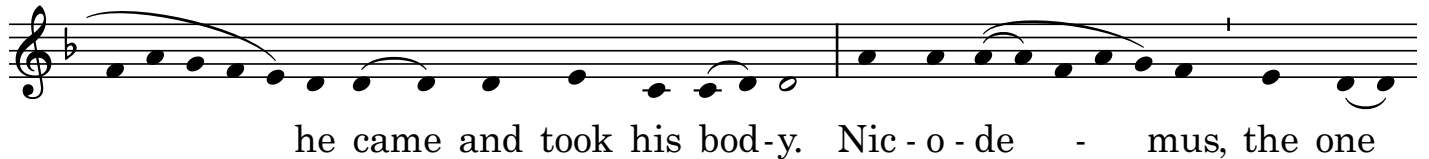
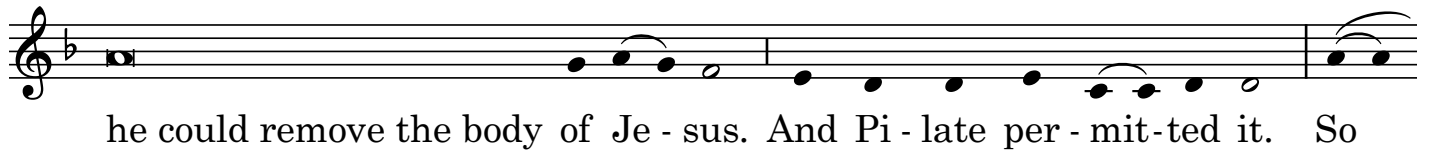
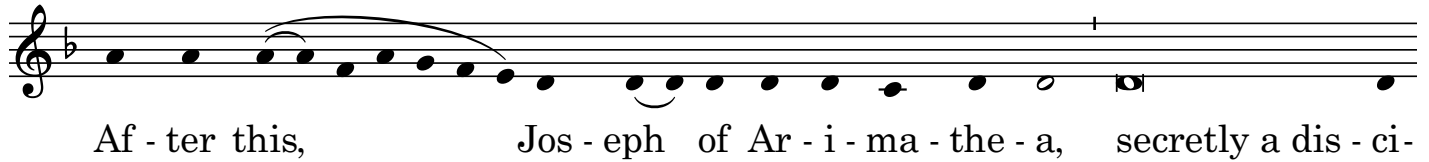
so that you also may come to be - lieve. For this hap - pened

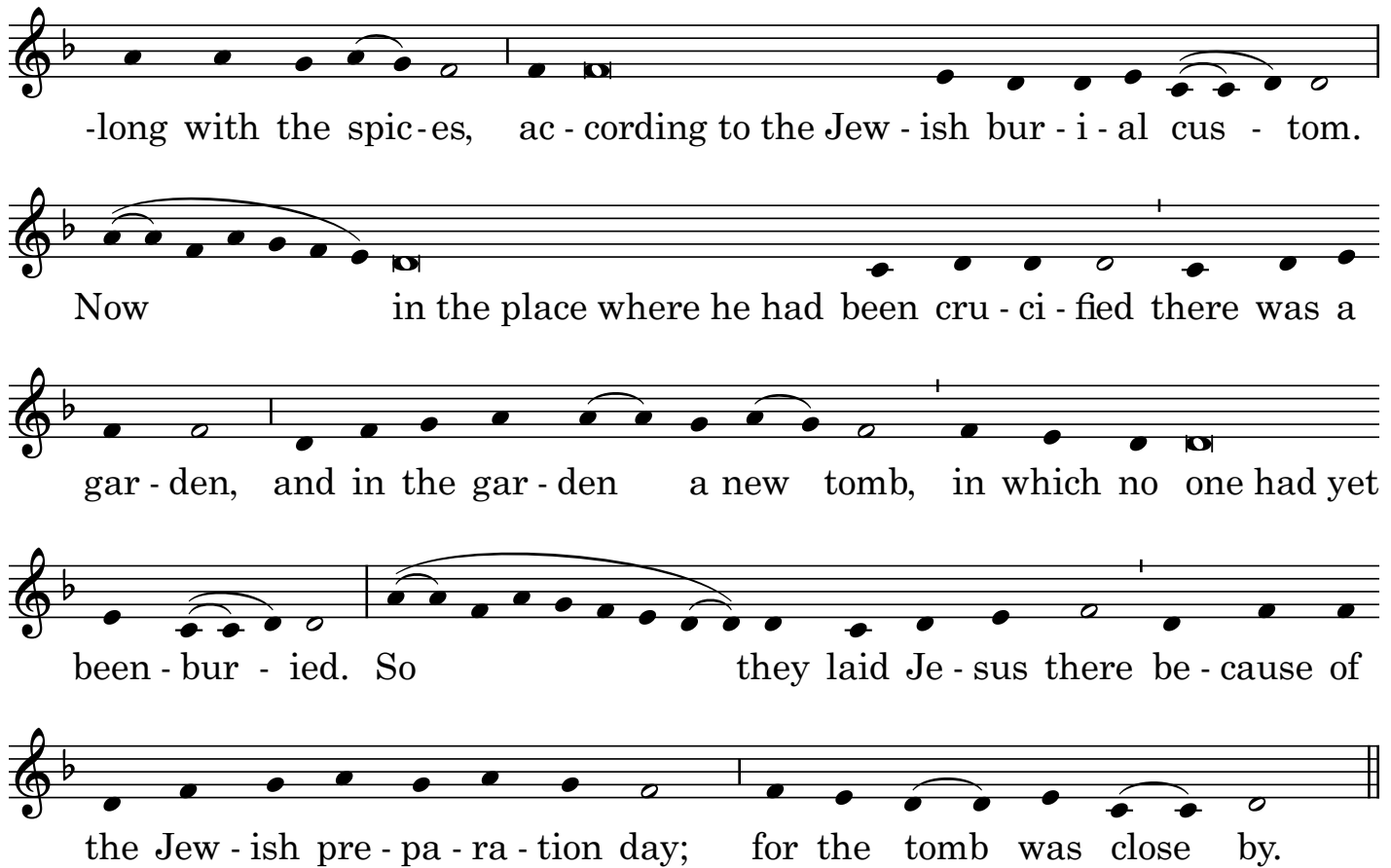
so that the Scripture pas - sage might be ful - filled: *Not a bone of it will*

be bro - ken. And a - gain an - oth - er pas - sage says:



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-long with the spic-es, ac - cording to the Jew - ish bur - i - al cus - tom.

Now in the place where he had been cru - ci - fied there was a

gar - den, and in the gar - den a new tomb, in which no one had yet

been - bur - ied. So they laid Je - sus there be - cause of

the Jew - ish pre - pa - ra - tion day; for the tomb was close by.