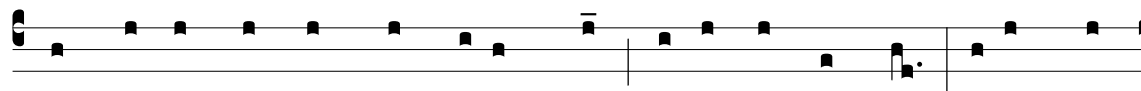
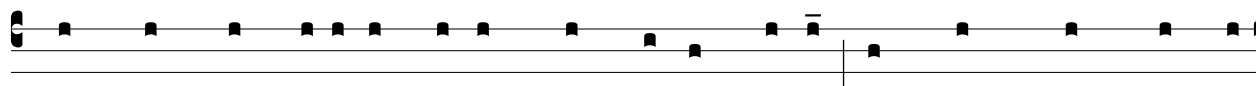


THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

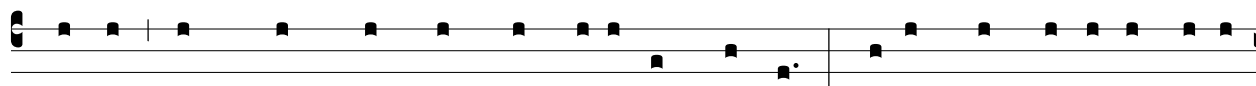
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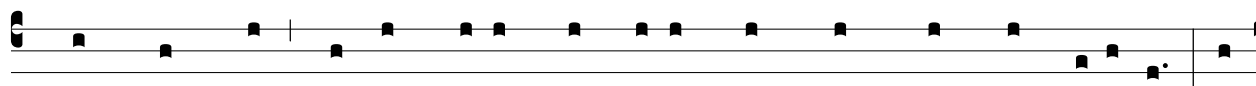
he Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus went



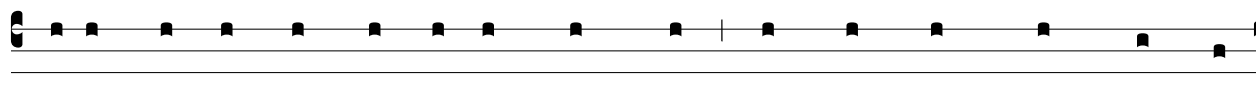
out with his disciples across the Kidron valley, to where there was a



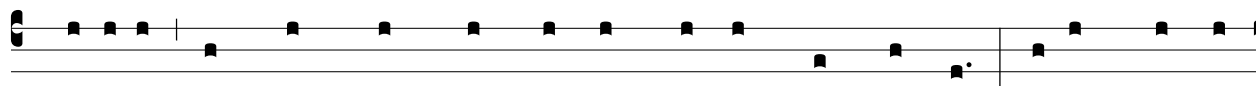
garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer al-so



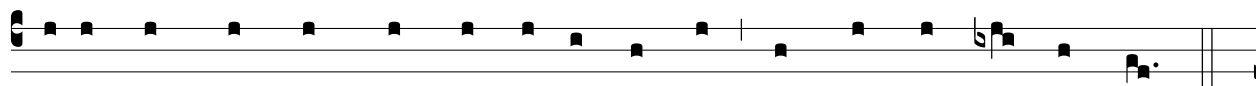
knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So



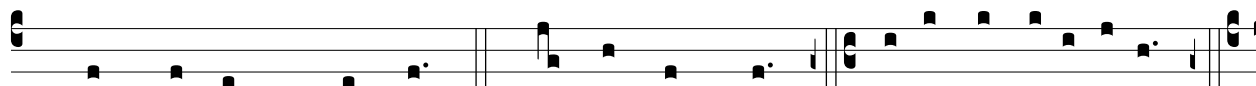
Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the



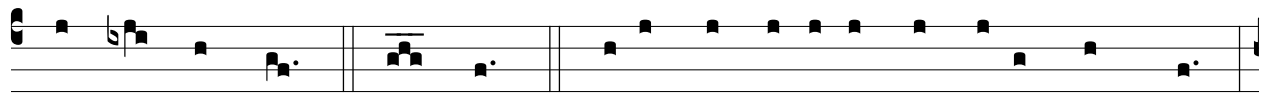
Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing



everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, †



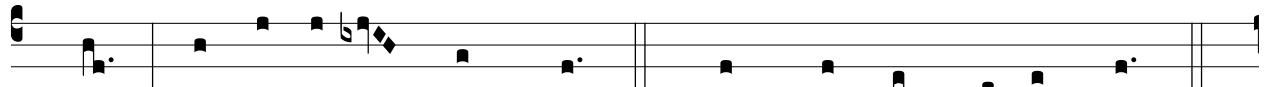
”Whom are you looking for?” N. They answered him, S. ”Jesus the Nazo-rean.” N.



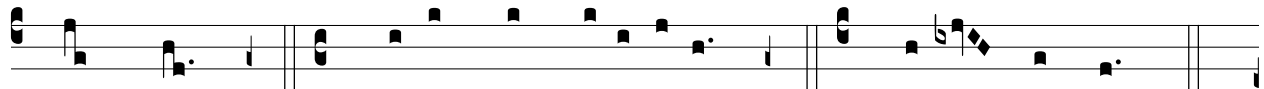
He said to them, † "I AM." N. Judas his betrayer was al-so with them.



When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the



ground. So he a-gain asked them, † "Whom are you looking for?" N.



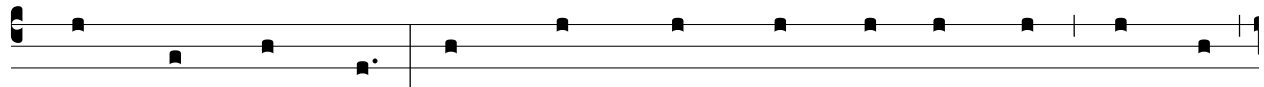
They said, S. "Jesus the Nazo-rean." N. Je-sus answered, †



"I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." N.



This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of



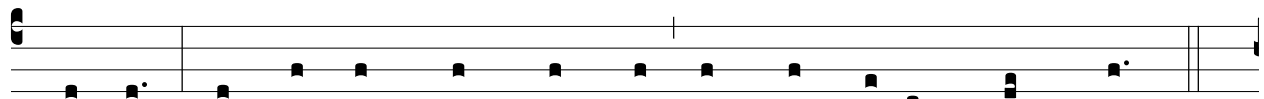
those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it,



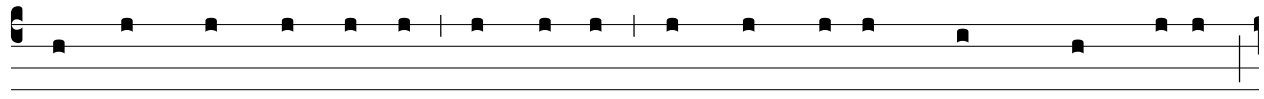
struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's




name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, † "Put your sword in-to its



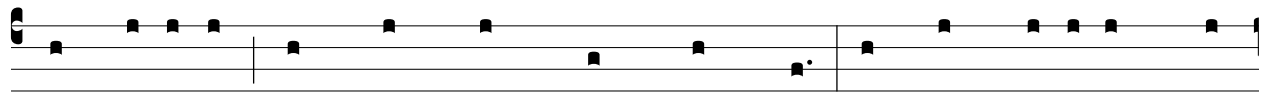
scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" N.



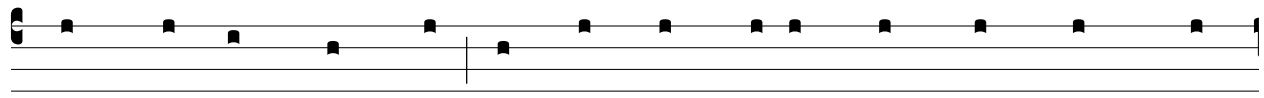
So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus,



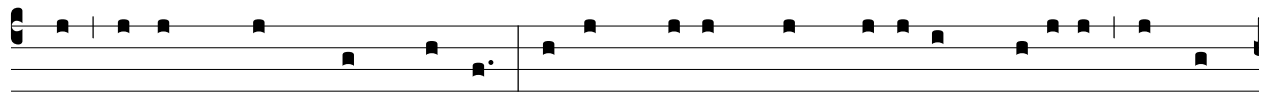
bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law



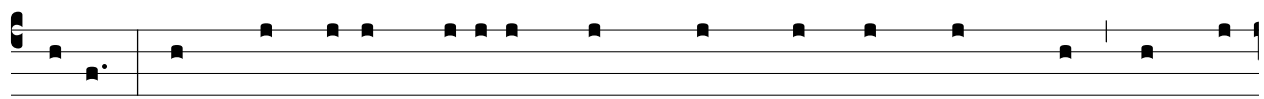
of Cai-aphas, who was high priest that year. It was Cai-aphas who



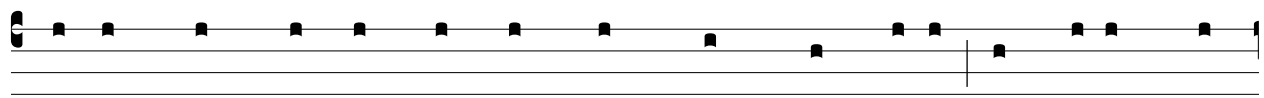
had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should



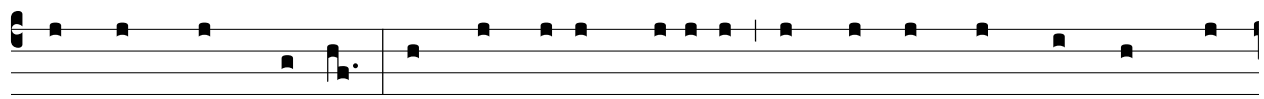
die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed



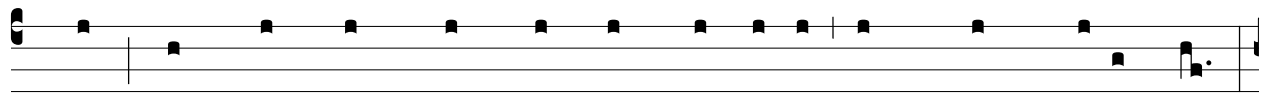
Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he



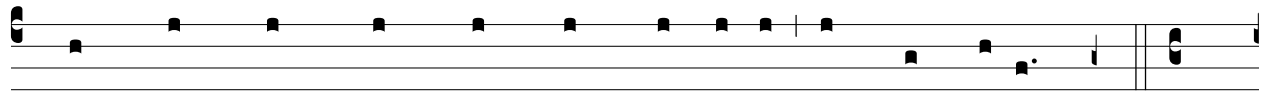
entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood



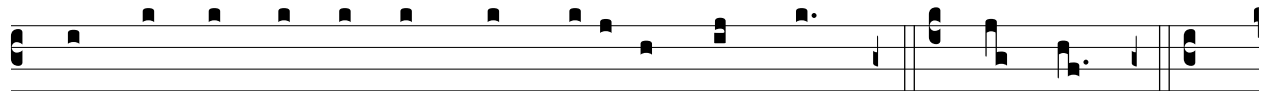
at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high



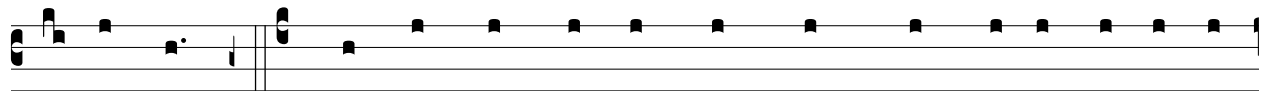
priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.



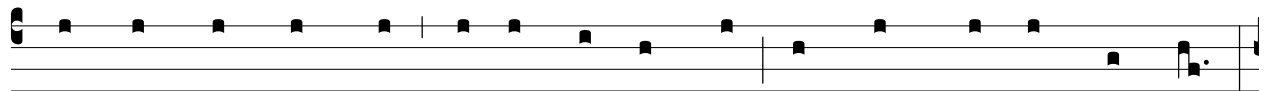
Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, S.



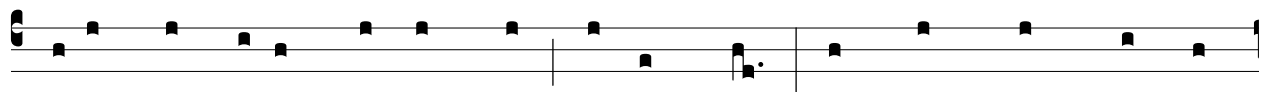
"You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" N. He said, S.



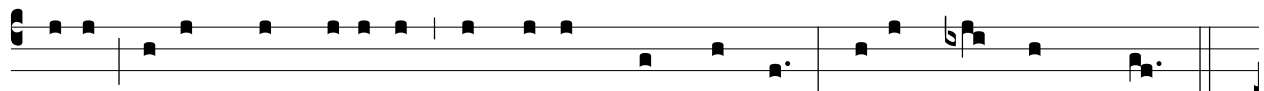
"I am not." N. Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal



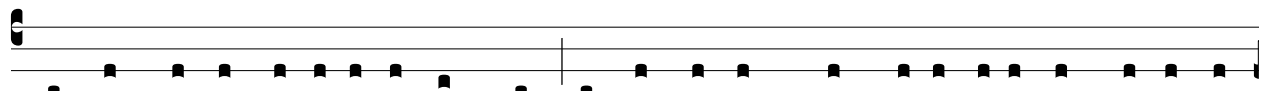
fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves.



Peter was al-so standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned



Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, †



"I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the



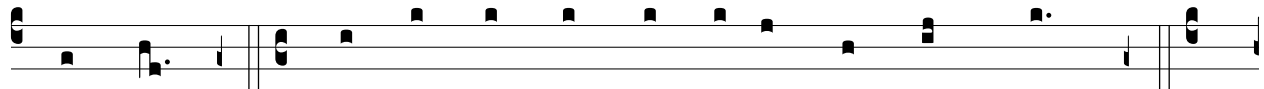
temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask



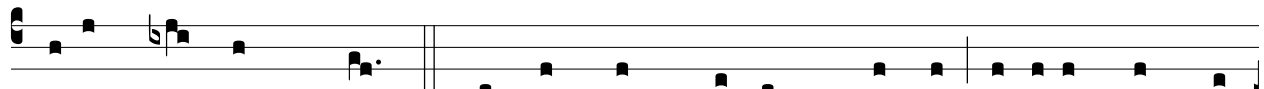
me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." N.



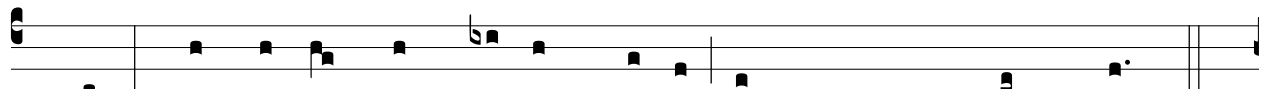
When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus



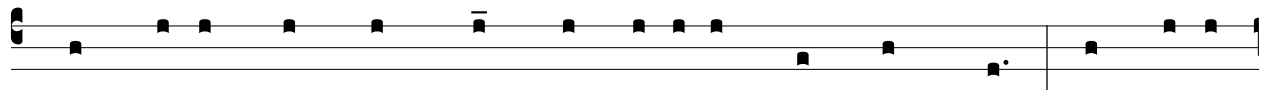
and said, S. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" N.



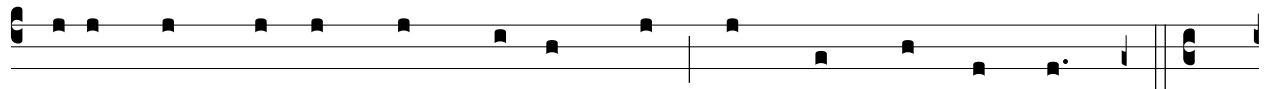
Jesus answered him, † "If I have spoken wrongly, test-i-fy to the



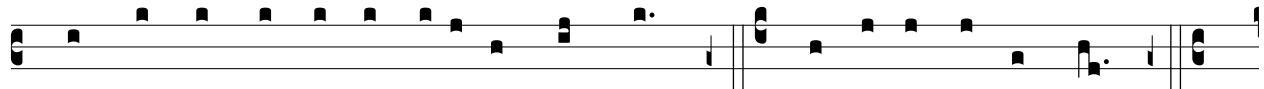
wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" N.



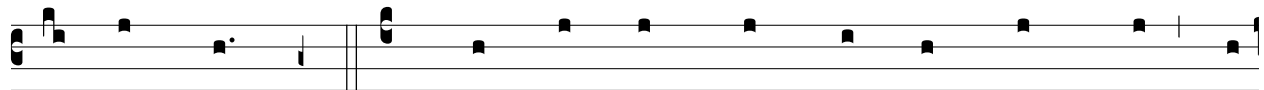
Then Annas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest. Now Simon



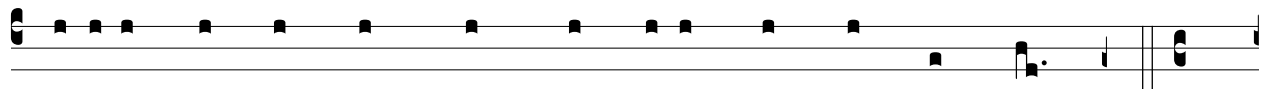
Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, S.



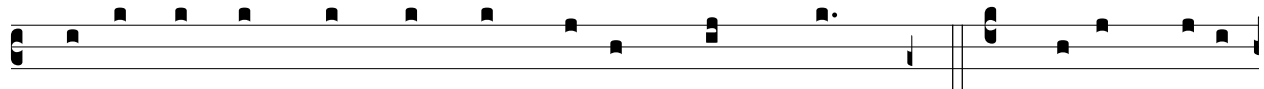
"You are not one of his disciples, are you?" N. He denied it and said, S.



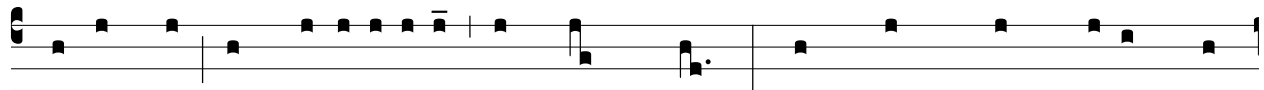
"I am not." N. One of the slaves of the high priest, a



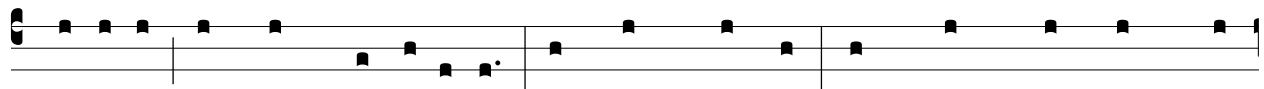
rel-ative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, S.



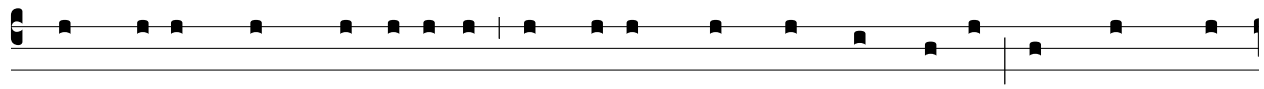
"Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" N. Again Peter



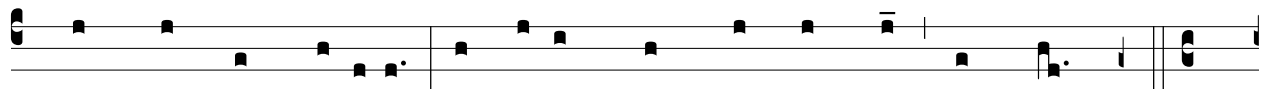
denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Jesus from



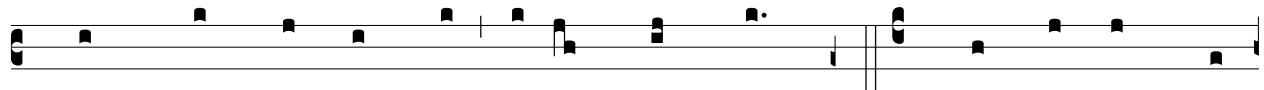
Cai-aphas to the praetor-i-um. It was morning. And they themselves did



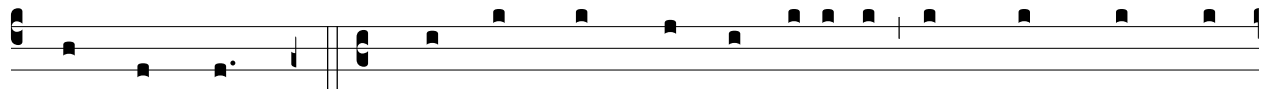
not enter the praetor-i-um, in order not to be defiled so that they



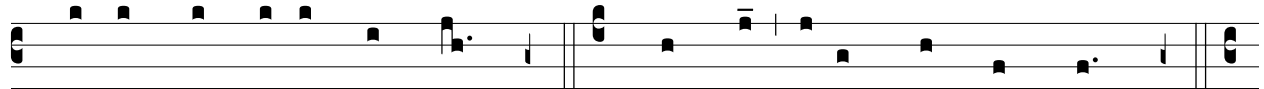
could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, S.



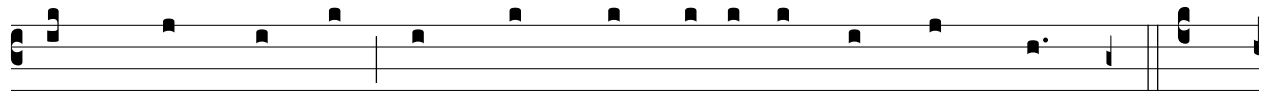
"What charge do you bring against this man?" N. They answered and



said to him, S. "If he were not a criminal, we would not have



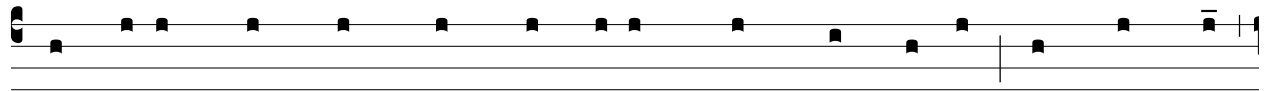
handed him o-ver to you." N. At this, Pilate said to them, S.



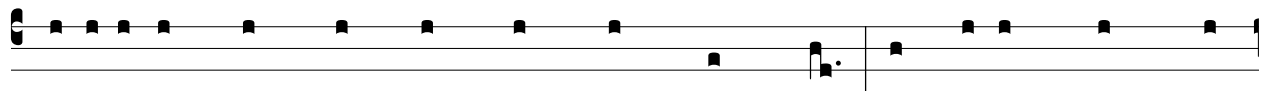
"Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." N.



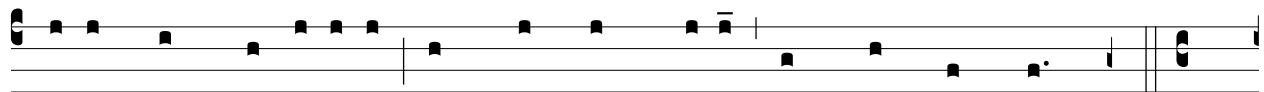
The Jews answered him, S. "We do not have the right to execute anyone," N.



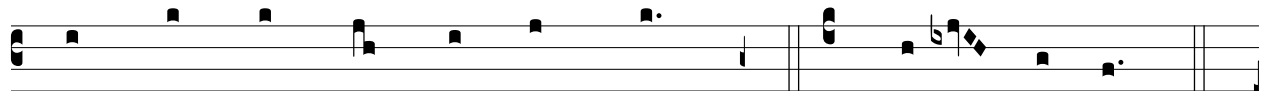
in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said



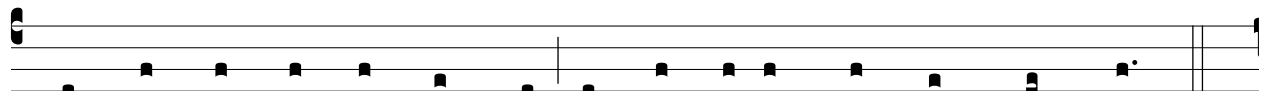
indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back



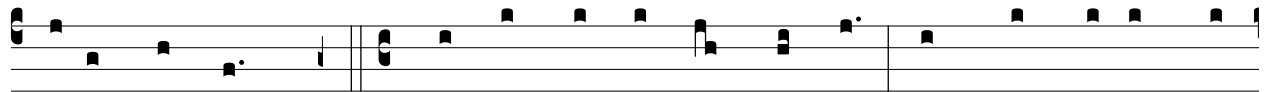
into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, S.



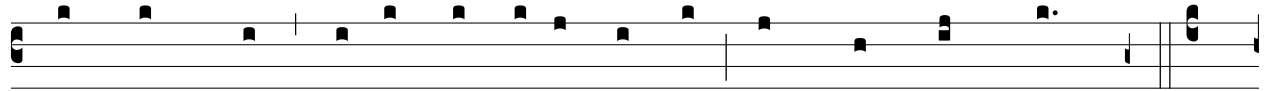
"Are you the King of the Jews?" N. Jesus answered, †



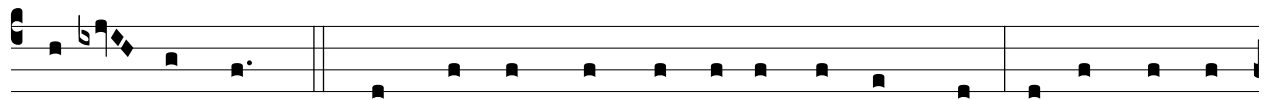
"Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" N.



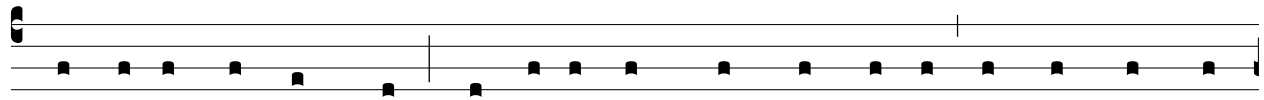
Pilate answered, S. "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and



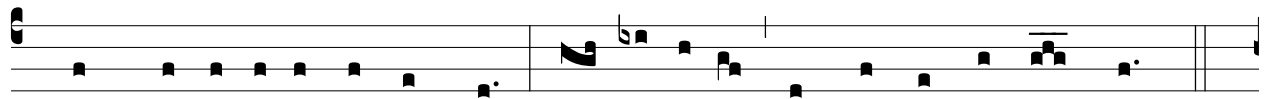
the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" N.



Je-sus answered, † "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom



did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from



being handed o-ver to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." N.



So Pilate said to him, S. "Then you are a king?" N. Je-sus answered, †



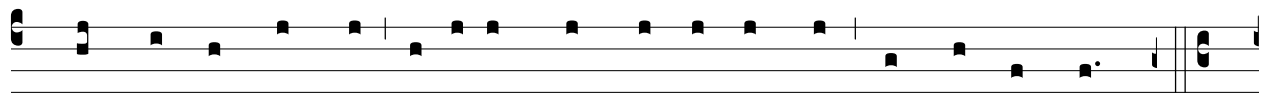
"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came in-to



the world, to test-i-fy to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens



to my voice." N. Pilate said to him, S. "What is truth?" N.



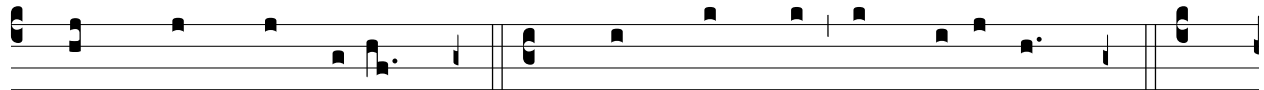
When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, S.



"I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you



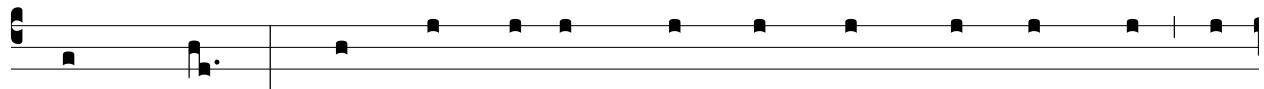
at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" N.



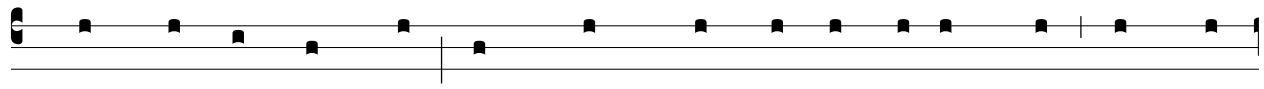
They cried out again, S. "Not this one but Barabbas!" N.



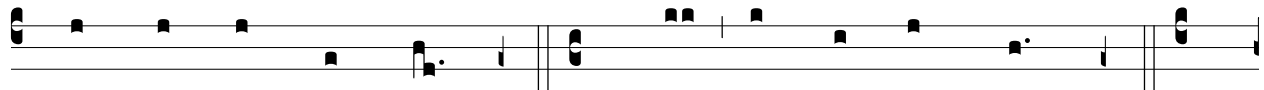
Now Barabbas was a revolutionar-y. Then Pilate took Jesus and had



him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and



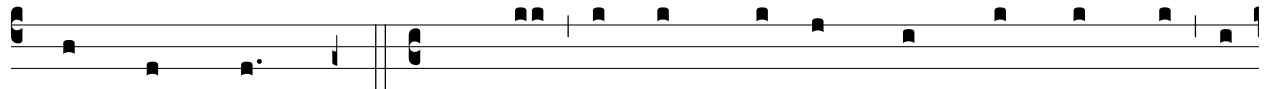
placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they



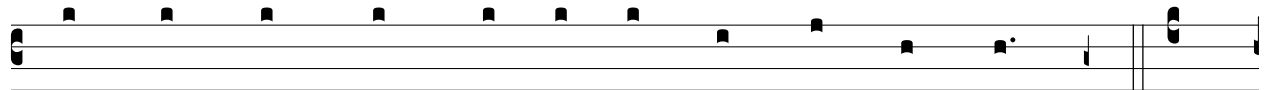
came to him and said, S. "Hail, King of the Jews!" N.



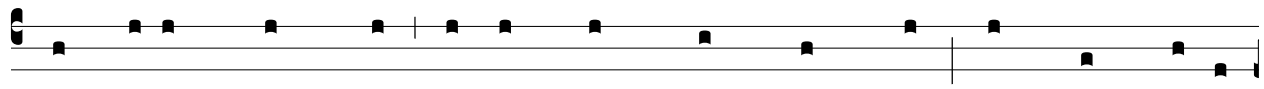
And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and



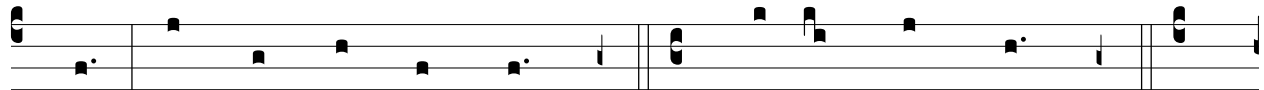
said to them, S. "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so



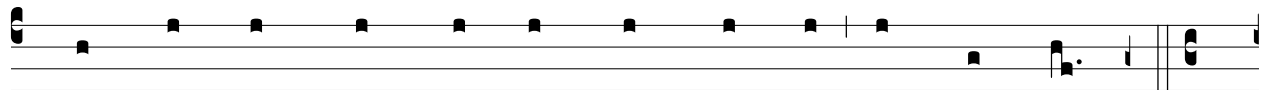
that you may know that I find no guilt in him." N.



So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple



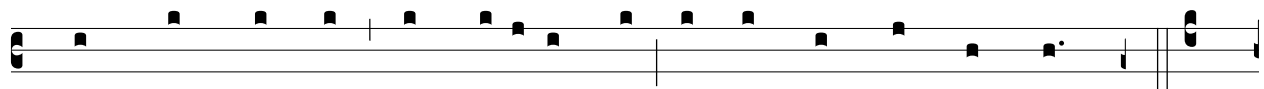
cloak. And he said to them, S. "Behold, the man!" N.



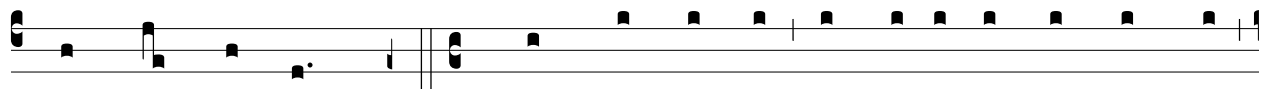
When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, S.



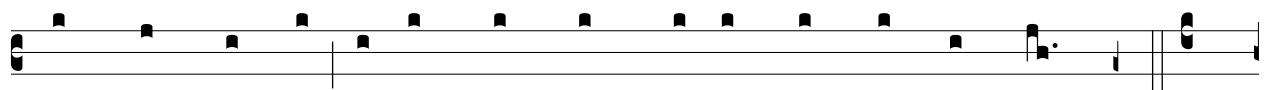
"Cruci-fy him, cruci-fy him!" N. Pilate said to them, S.



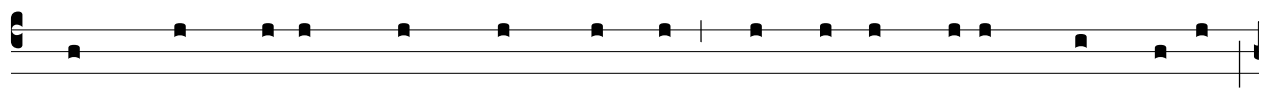
"Take him yourselves and cruci-fy him. I find no guilt in him." N.



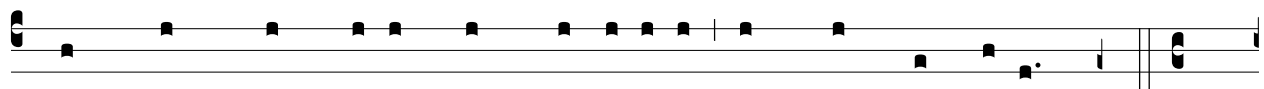
The Jews answered, S. "We have a law, and according to that law



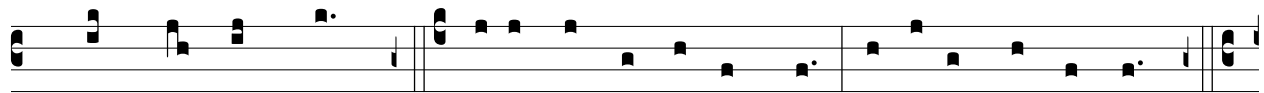
he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." N.



Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid,



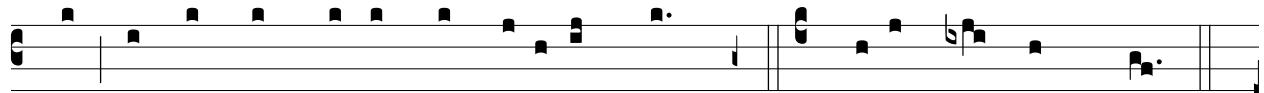
and went back in-to the praetor-i-um and said to Jesus, S.



"Where are you from?" N. Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, S.



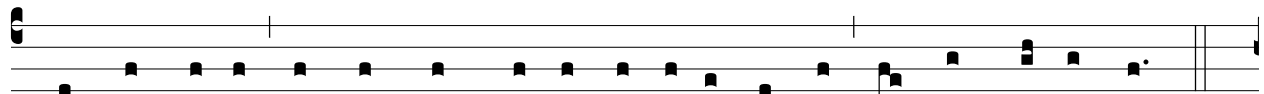
"Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release



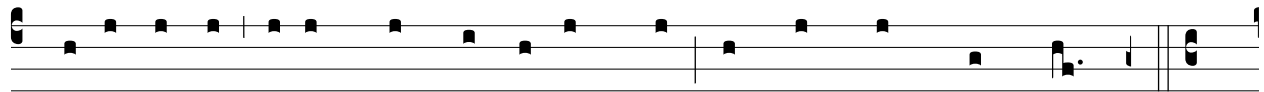
you and I have power to cruci-fy you?" N. Jesus answered him, †



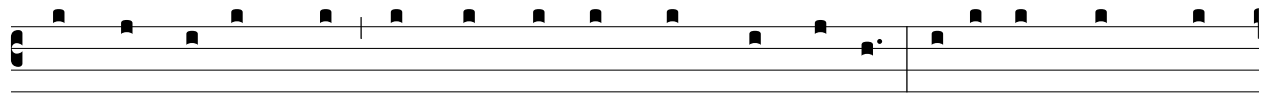
"You would have no power o-ver me if it had not been given to you from above.



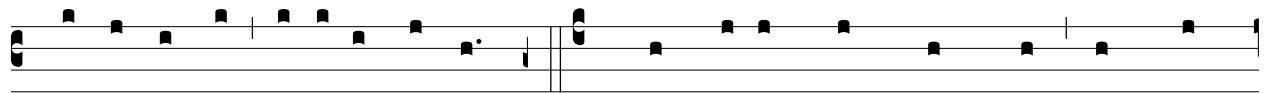
For this reason the one who handed me o-ver to you has the greater sin." N.



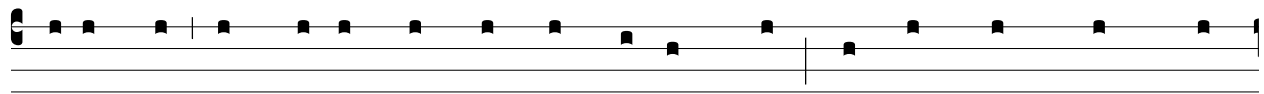
Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, S.



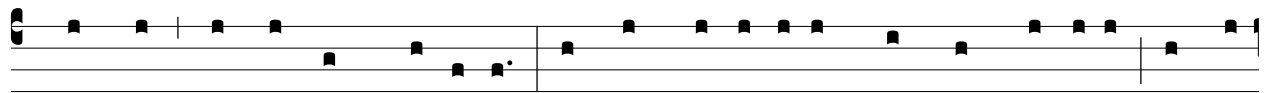
"If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes



himself a king opposes Caesar." N. When Pilate heard these words he brought



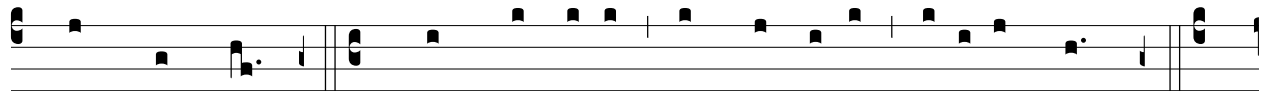
Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone



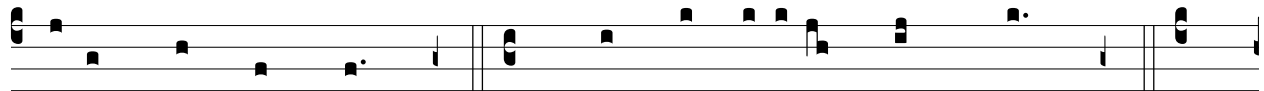
Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it



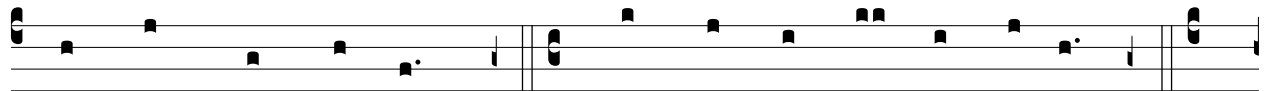
was about noon. And he said to the Jews, S. "Behold, your king!" N.



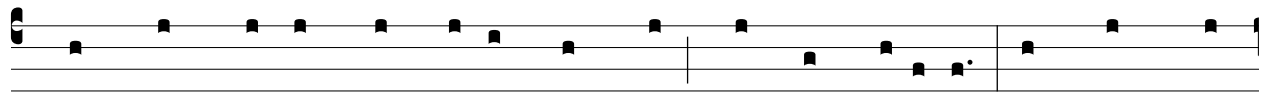
They cried out, S. "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" N.



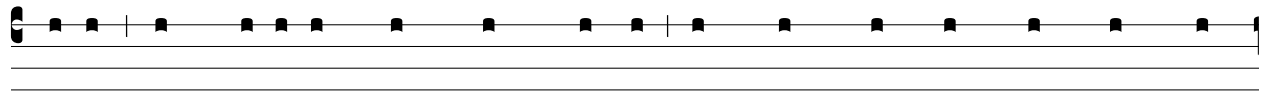
Pilate said to them, S. "Shall I crucify your king?" N.



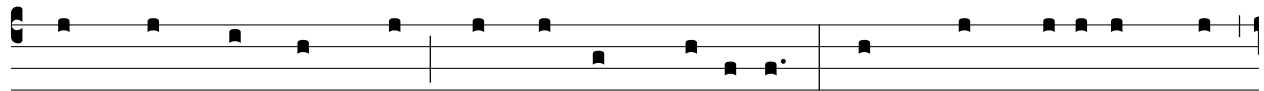
The chief priests answered, S. "We have no king but Caesar." N.



Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took



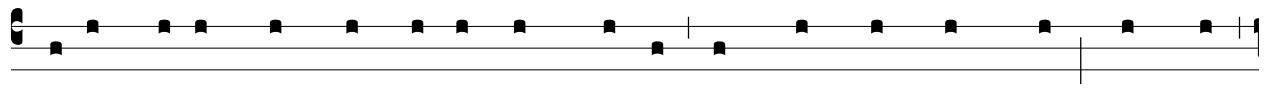
Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called



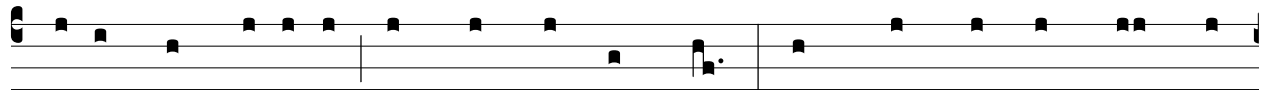
the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him,



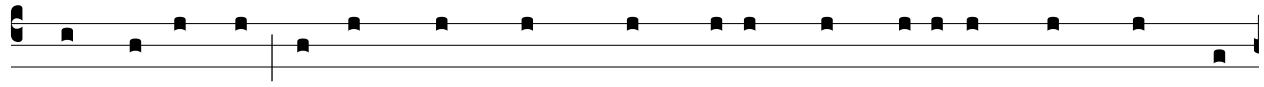
and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.



Pilate al-so had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read,



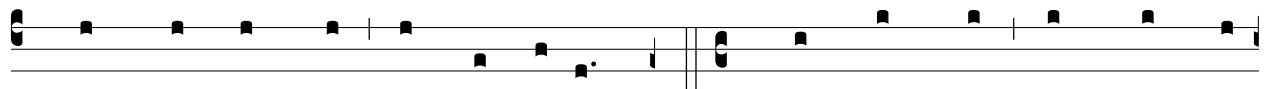
"Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read



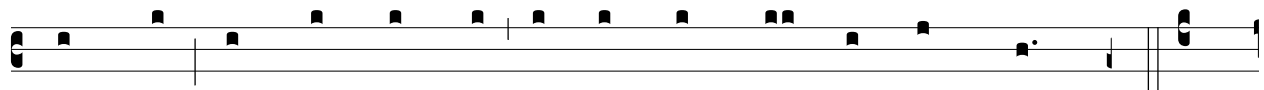
this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the



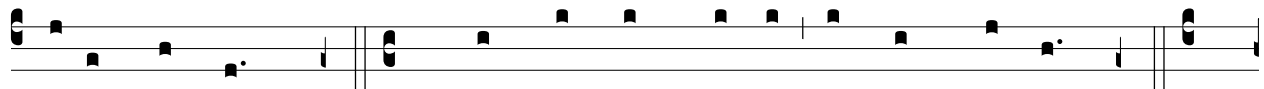
ci-ty; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief



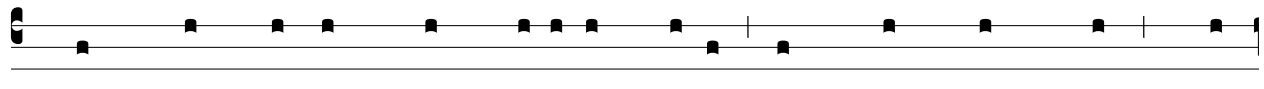
priests of the Jews said to Pilate, S. "Do not write 'The King of



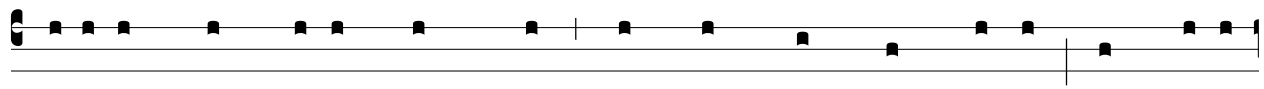
the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" N.



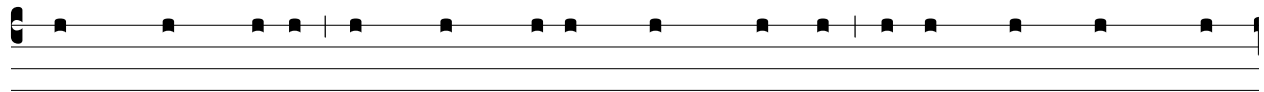
Pilate answered, S. "What I have written, I have written." N.



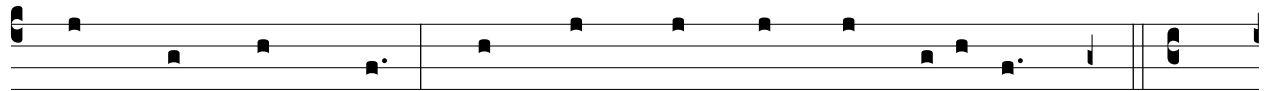
When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and



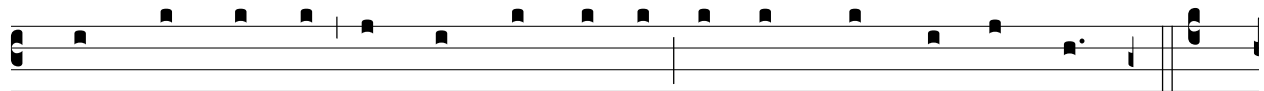
divided them in-to four shares, a share for each soldier. They al-so



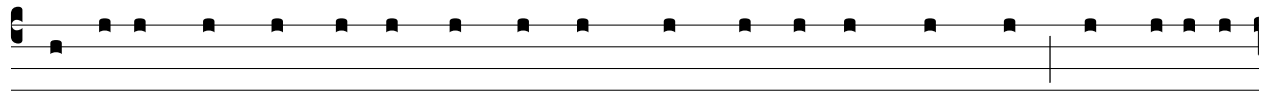
took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece



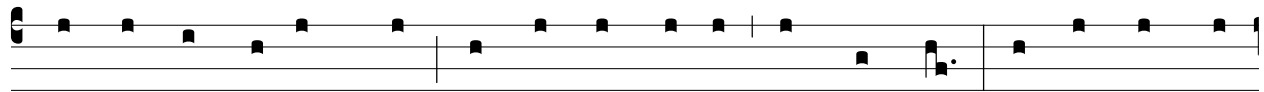
from the top down. So they said to one another, S.



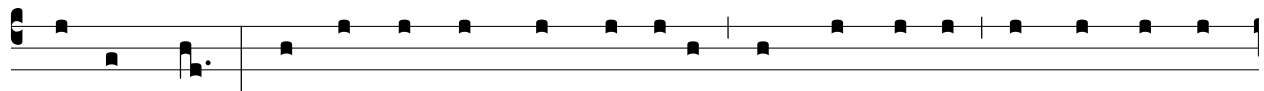
"Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," N.



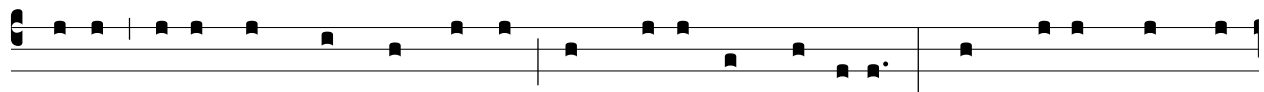
in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: They divided



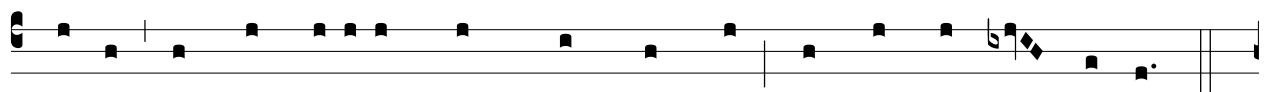
my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. This is what the



soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's



sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his



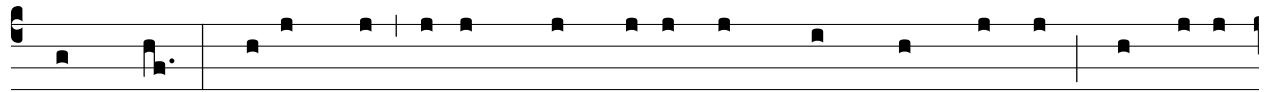
mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, †



"Wo- man, behold, your son." N. Then he said to the disciple, †



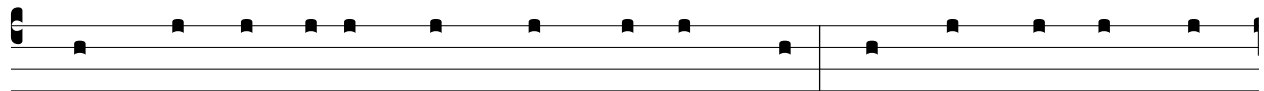
"Behold, your mother." N. And from that hour the disciple took her in-to



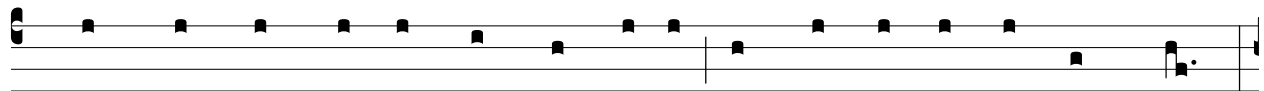
his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order



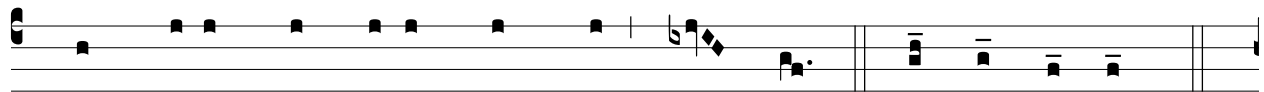
that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Je-sus said, † "I thirst." N.



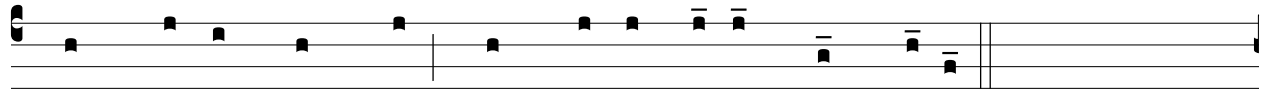
There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge



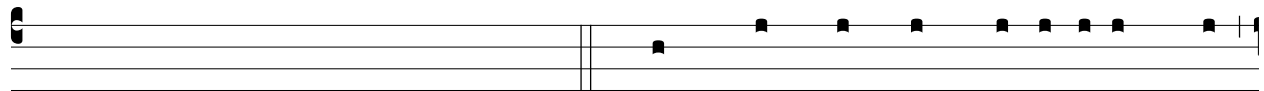
soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.



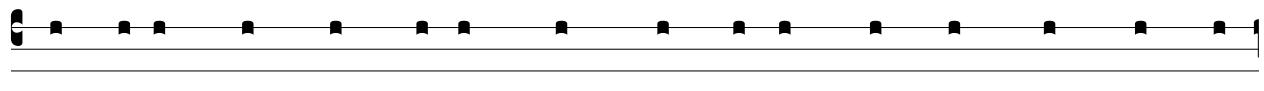
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, † "It is finished." N.



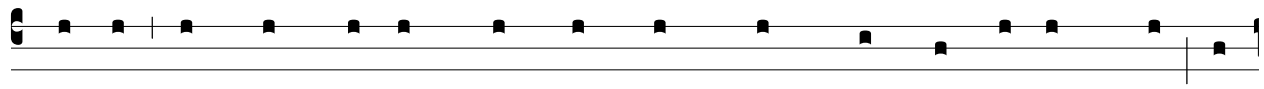
And bowing his head, he handed o-ver the spirit. *Here all kneel*



and pause for a short time. N. Now since it was prepar-ation day,



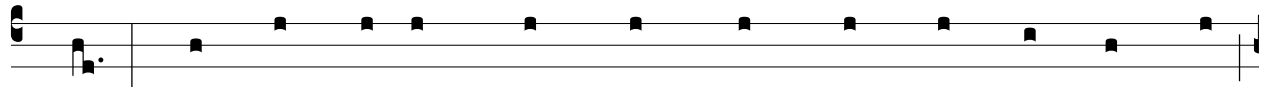
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the



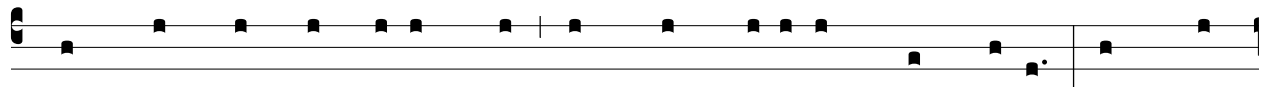
sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the



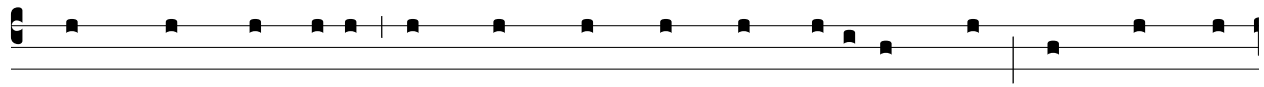
Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken



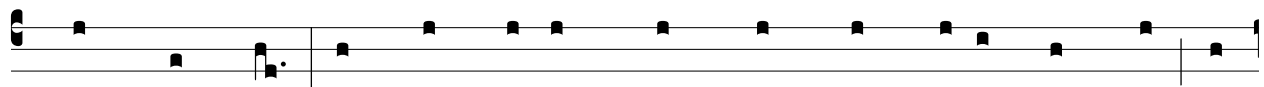
down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first



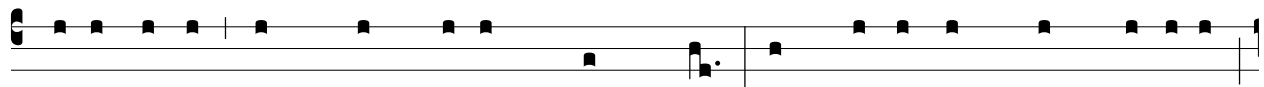
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when



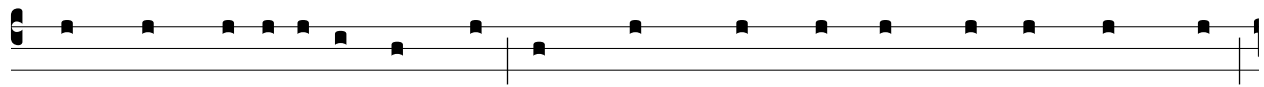
they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not



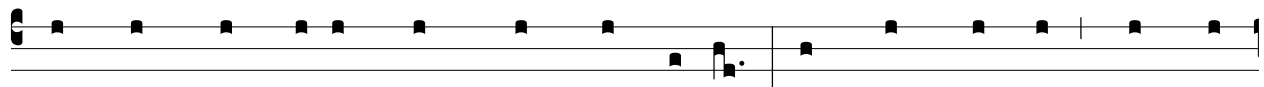
break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance in-to his side, and



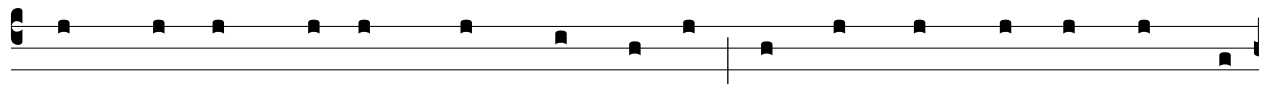
immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified,



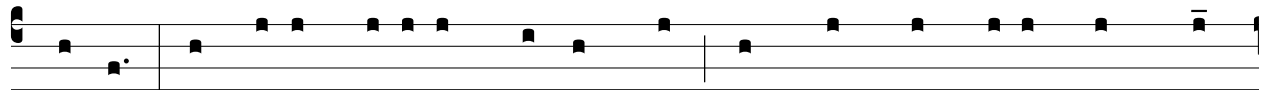
and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth,



so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that



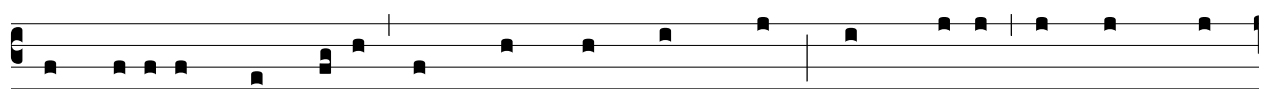
the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: Not a bone of it will be



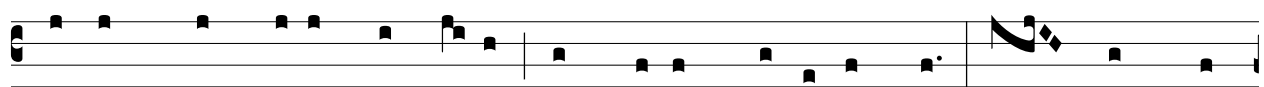
broken. And again an-other passage says: They will look upon him whom



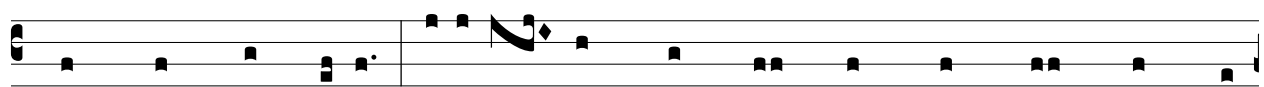
they have pierced. After this, Joseph of Ar-i-mathea, secretly



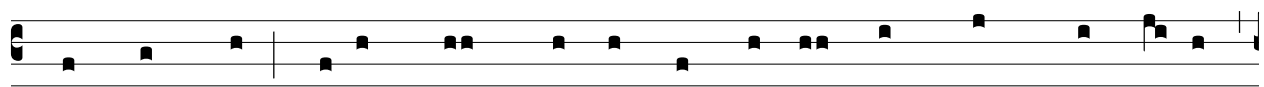
a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could



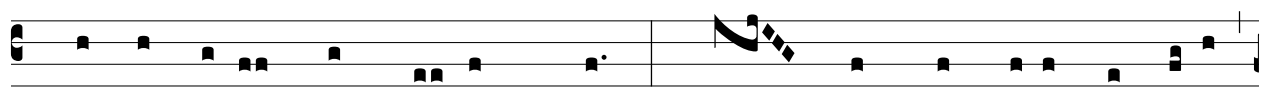
remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came



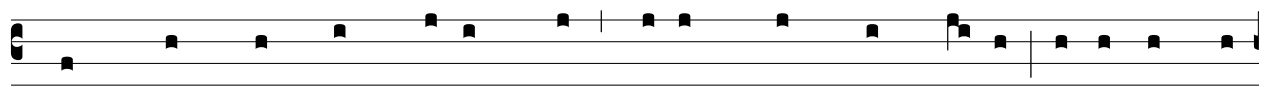
and took his body. Nico-de- mus, the one who had first come to



him at night, al-so came bringing a mixture of myrrh and a-loes



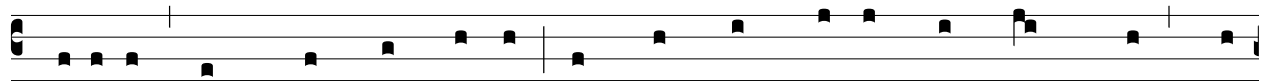
weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus



and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to



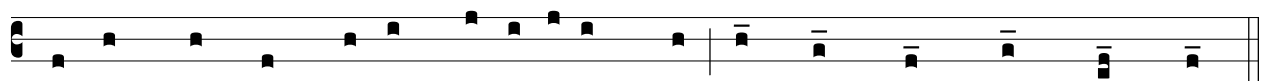
the Jewish bur-i-al custom. Now in the place where he had been



crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in



which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there



because of the Jewish prepar-ation day; for the tomb was close by.