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Traditionally, the Priest, Deacon or chanter chanting the role of Christ is in the middle, with those chanting the parts of the Evangelist and Turba arrayed on either side, the Evangelist to the right and the Turba to the left.

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John 18:1 - 19:42  
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*Evangelist:*

**T** HE Pas-sion of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cor-ding to John:

Je-sus went out with his dis-ci-ples a-cross the Ki-dron Val-ley to where there

was a gar-den, in-to which he and his dis - ci-ples en-tered. Ju-das his be-tray-

er al-so knew the place, be-cause Je-sus of-ten met there with his dis-ci-

ples. So Ju-das got a band of sol-diers and guards from the chief priests and the

Phar - i - sees and went there with lan-terns, tor-ches, and wea - pons. Je-sus,

know-ing eve-ry-thing that was go-ing to hap-pen to him, went out and said

to them, ✠ "Whom are you look-ing for?" *Ev:* They an-

swered him, *Turba:* "Je-sus the Na-zo-re - an." *Ev:* He said to them,

✠ "I AM." *Ev:* Ju-das his be-tray - er was al - so with

them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned a-way and fell to the

ground. So he a - gain asked them, ✠ "Whom are you look-

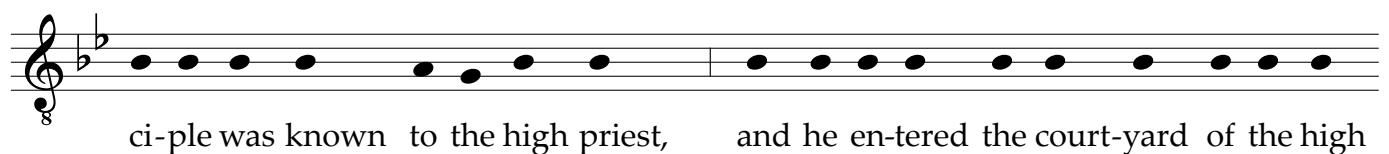
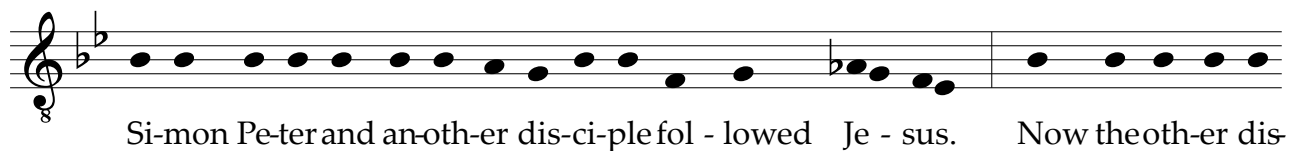
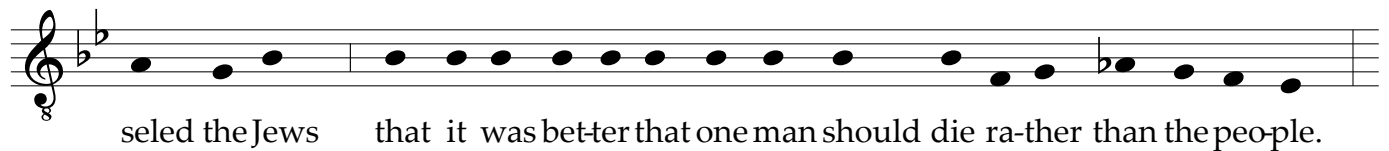
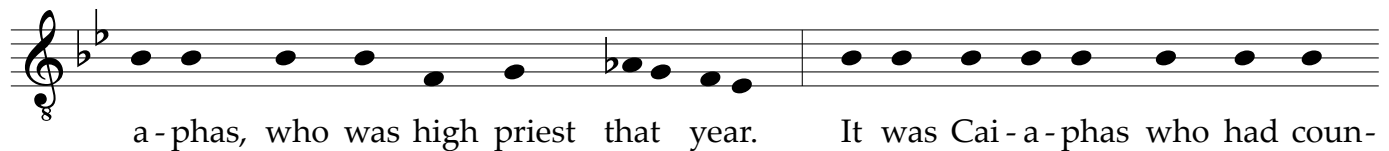
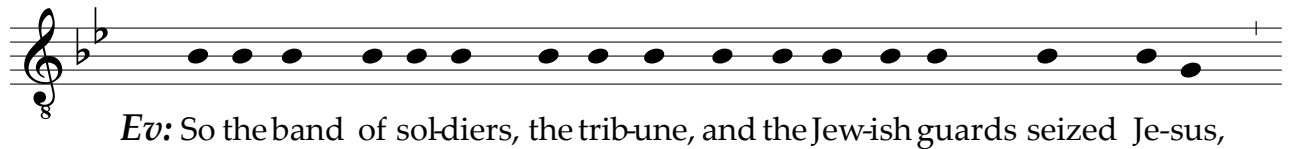
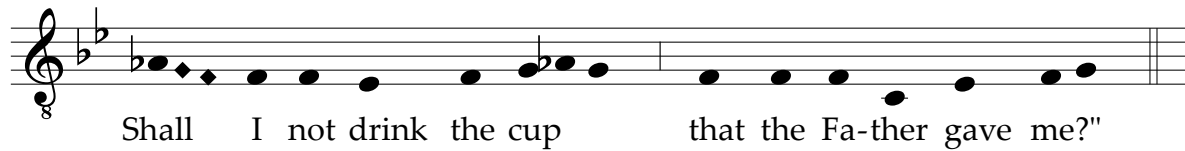
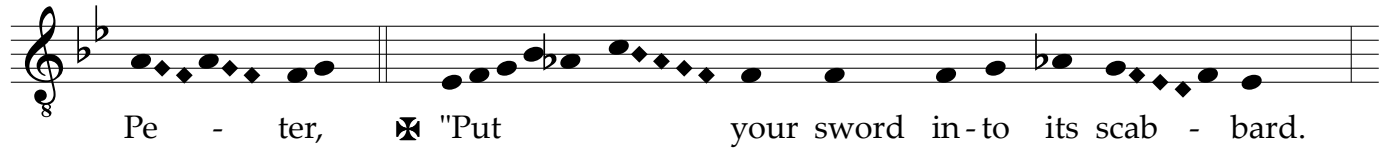
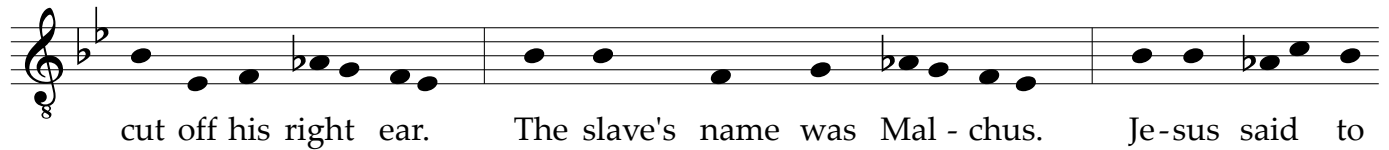
ing for?" *Ev:* They said, *T:* "Je-sus the Na-zo-re - an." *Ev:* Je - sus

an - swered, ✠ "I told you that I AM, so

if you are look-ing for me, let these men go." *Ev:* This was to ful-fill

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

mon Pe-ter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and



*Ev*: He said, *T*: "I am not." *Ev*: Now the slaves and the guards were

stand-ing a-round a char-coal 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 questioned Je-sus a-bout his dis-ci-ples and a-bout his doc-

trine. Je - sus an - swered him, ✕ "I have spo-ken pub-

lic-ly to the world. I have al-ways taught in a syn-a-gogue or  
 in the tem-ple ar - e - a where all the Jews gath-er, and in se-cret I have said  
 no - thing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I  
 said to them. They know what I said." *Ev:* When he had said this,  
 one of the tem-ple guards stand-ing there struck Je-sus and said, *T:* "Is this the  
 way you an-swer the high priest?" *Ev:* Je - sus an - swered him,  
 ✠ "If I have spoken wrong-ly, tes-ti-fy to the wrong;  
 but if I have spo-ken right - ly, why do you strike me?" *Ev:* Then An-nas  
 sent him bound to Cai - a - phas the high priest.

Now Si-mon Pe-ter was stand-ing there keep-ing warm. And they said to

him, *T:* "You are not one of this man's dis-ci-ples, are you?" *Ev:* He de-

nied it and said, *T:* "I am not." *Ev:* One of the slaves of the high priest,

a rel-a-tive of the one whose ear Pe-ter had cut off, said, *T:* "Did-n't I see you

in the gar-den with him?" *Ev:* A-gain Pe-ter de-nied it. And im-me-di-ate-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 them-selves did not en-ter the prae-to-ri-um, in or-der

not to be de-filed so that they could eat the Pass-o-ver. So Pi-late came out



to them and said, *T:* "What charge do you bring a-against this man.?" *Ev:* They

an-swered and said to him, *T:* If he were not a crim-i-nal, we would not

have hand-ed him o-ver to you." *Ev:* At this, Pi-late said to them, *T:* "Take

him your-selves, and judge him ac-cord-ing to your law." *Ev:* The Jews an-

swered him, *T:* "We do not have the right to ex-e-cute an-y-one." *Ev:* in order

that the word of Je-sus might be ful-filled that he had said in-di-ca-ting the

kind of death he would die. So Pi-late went back in-to the prae-to-ri-um

and sum-moned Je-sus and said to him, *T:* "Are you the King of the Jews?"

*Ev:* Je - sus an - swered, ✕ "Do you say this on your own

or have oth-ers told you a - bout me?" *Ev:* Pi-late an-swered, *T:* "I am not

a Jew, am I? Your own na-tion and the chief priests hand-ed you o-

ver to me. What have you done?" *Ev:* Je - sus an - swered,

✠ "My king-dom does not be-long to this world. If my

king-dom did be-long to this world, my at-tend-ants would be fight-ing to

keep me from be-ing hand-ed ov - er to the Jews. But as it is,

my king-dom is not here." *Ev:* So Pi-late said to him, *T:* "Then you are

a king?" *Ev:* 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 tes-ti-fy to the truth. Eve - ry-one who be-longs to the

truth lis-tens to my voice." *Ev*: Pi-late said to him, *T*: "What is

truth?" *Ev*: When he had said this, he a-gain went out to the Jews and said

to them, *T*: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a cus-tom that I

re-lease one pris-on-er to you at Pass-o-ver. Do you want me to re-lease to

you the King of the Jews?" *Ev*: They cried out a-gain, *T*: "Not this one but

Bar-ab - bas!" *Ev*: Now Bar-ab-bas was a rev-o - lu-tion-ar - 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 pur-

ple cloak. And they came to him and said, *T*: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

*Ev*: And they struck him re-peat-ed-ly. Once more Pi-late went out and

said to them, *T*: "Look, I am bring-ing him out to you, so that you may know

that I find no guilt in him." *Ev*: So Je-sus came out, wear-ing a crown of

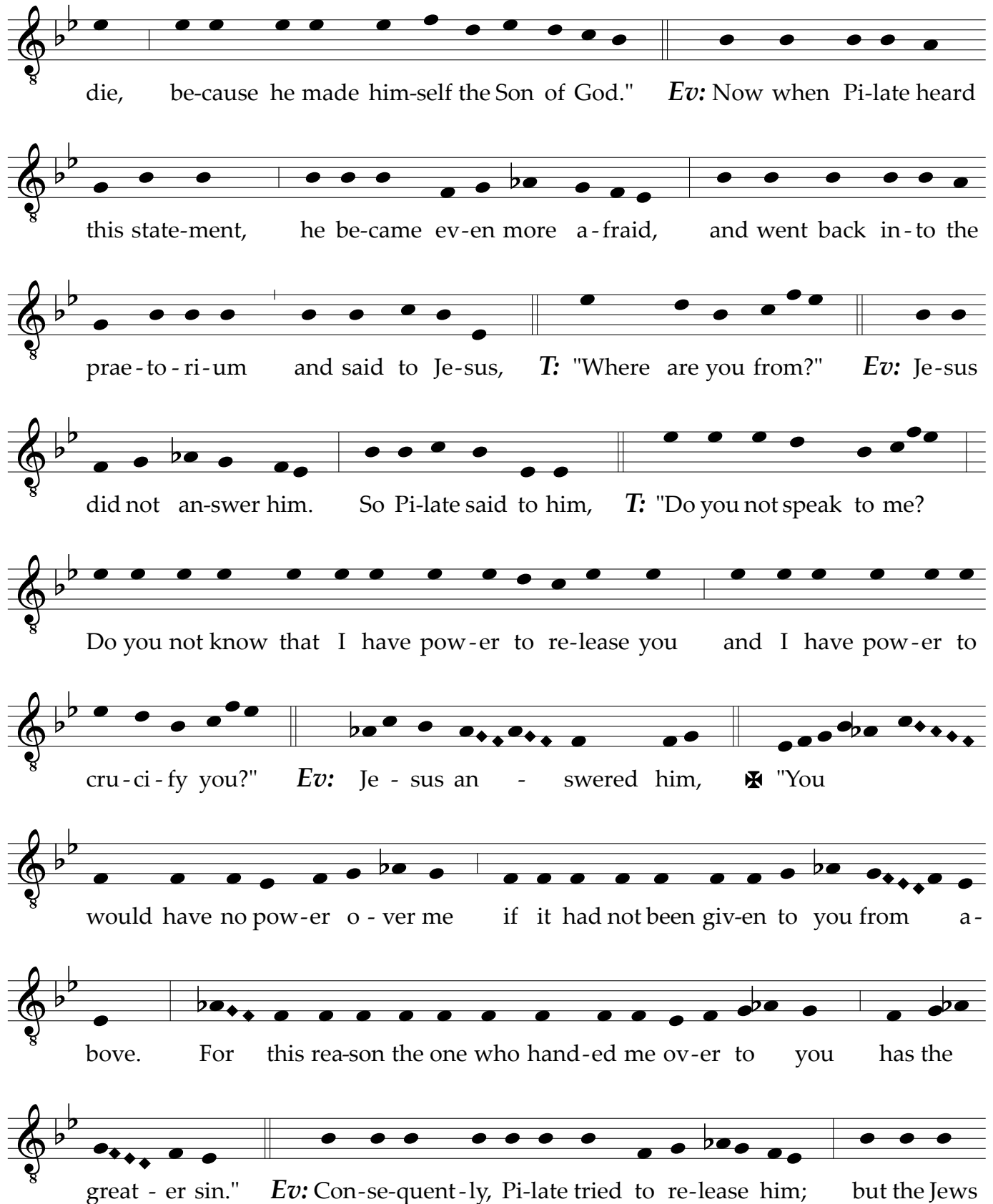
thorns and the pur-ple cloak. And Pi-late said to them, *T*: "Be-hold, the

man!" *Ev*: When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they cried out,

*T*: "Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!" *Ev*: Pi-late said to them,

*T*: "Take him your-selves and cru-ci - fy him, I find no guilt in him. *Ev*: The

Jews an-swered, *T*: "We have a law, and ac-cord-ing to that law he ought to



die, be-cause he made him-self the Son of God." *Ev*: Now when Pi-late heard

this state-ment, he be-came ev-en more a-fraid, and went back in-to the

prae-to-ri-um and said to Je-sus, *T*: "Where are you from?" *Ev*: Je-sus

did not an-swer him. So Pi-late said to him, *T*: "Do you not speak to me?

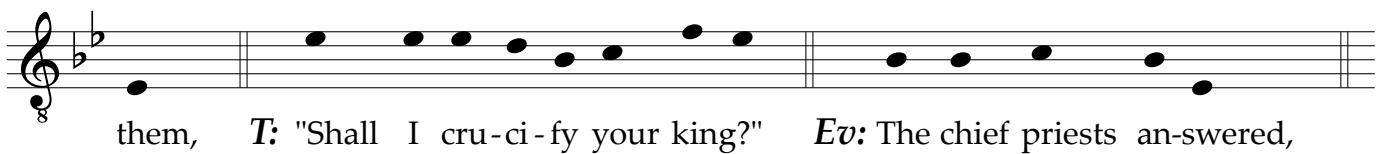
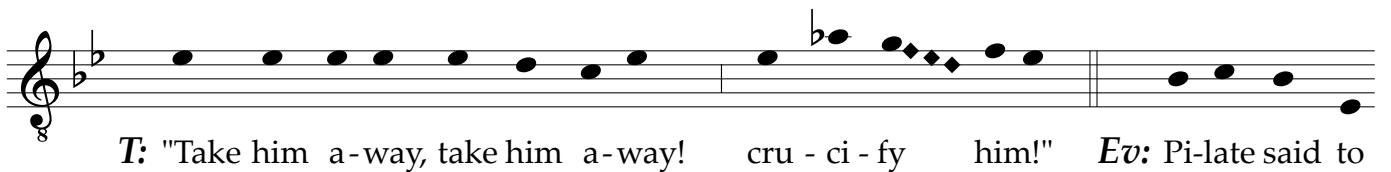
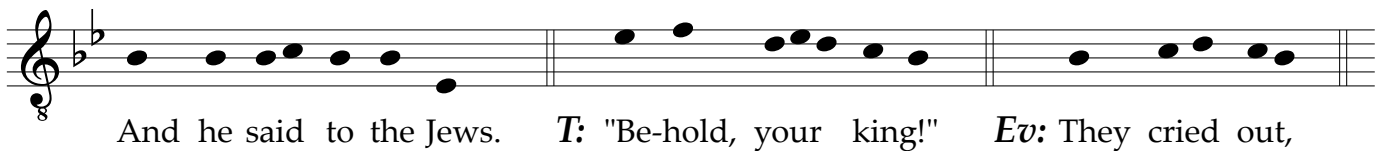
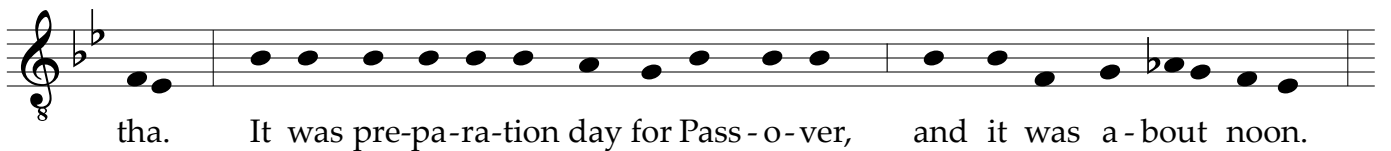
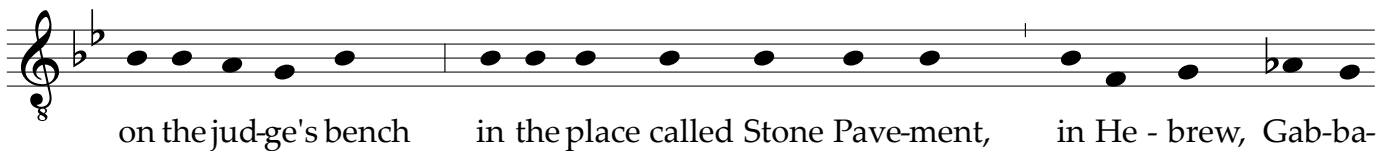
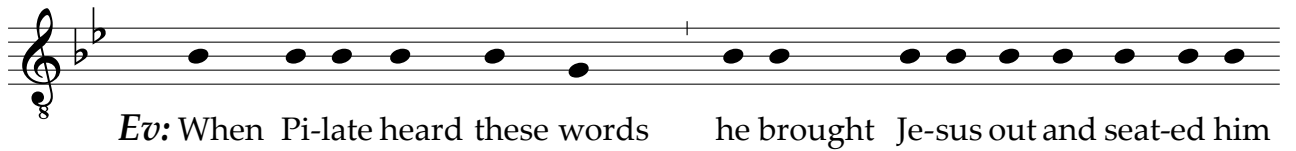
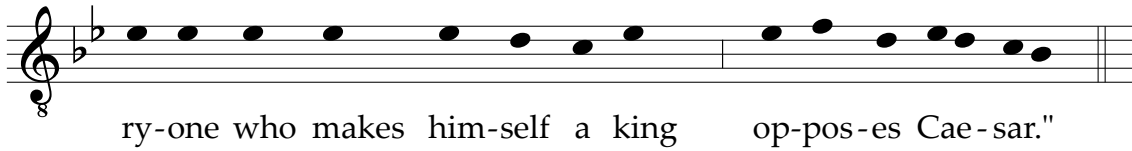
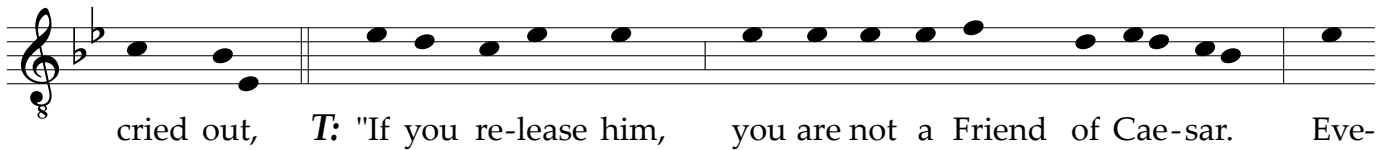
Do you not know that I have pow-er to re-lease you and I have pow-er to

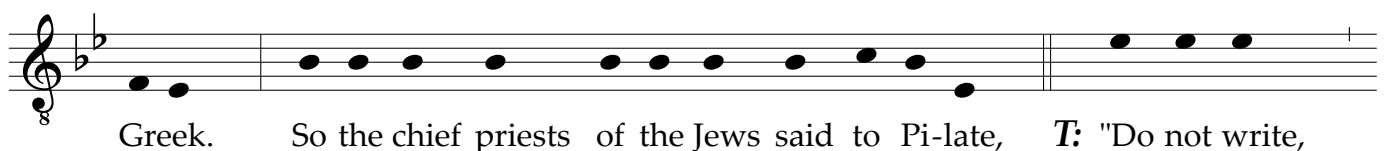
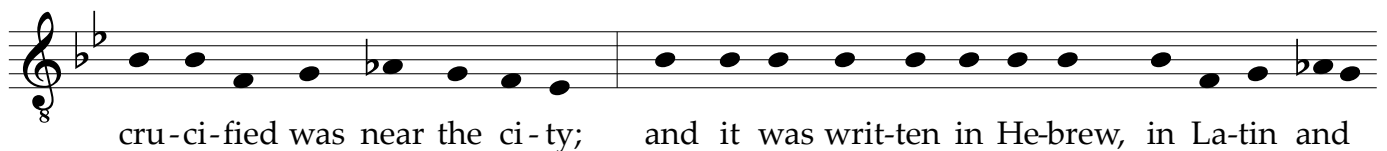
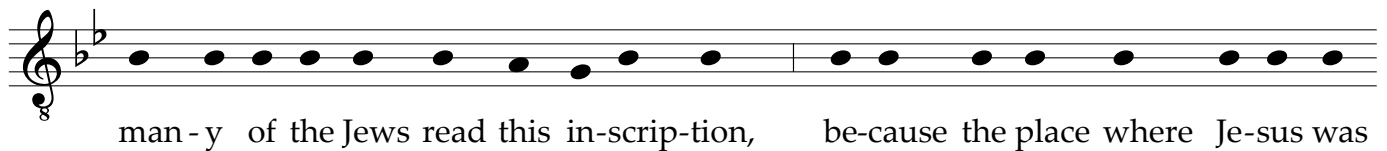
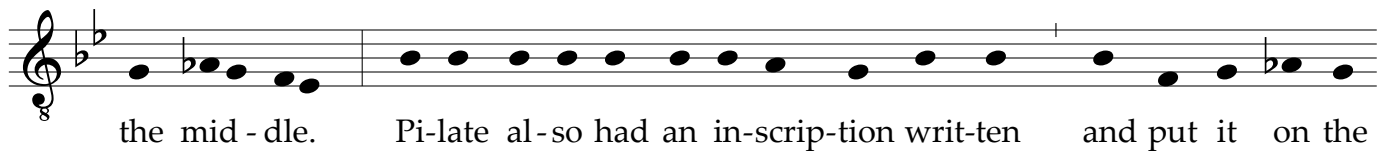
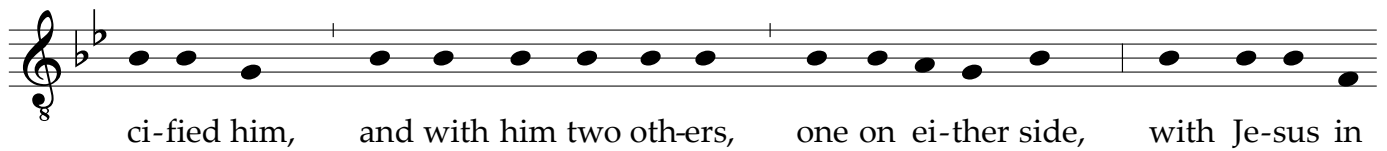
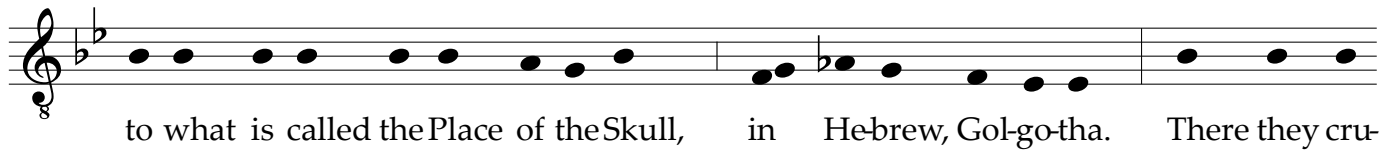
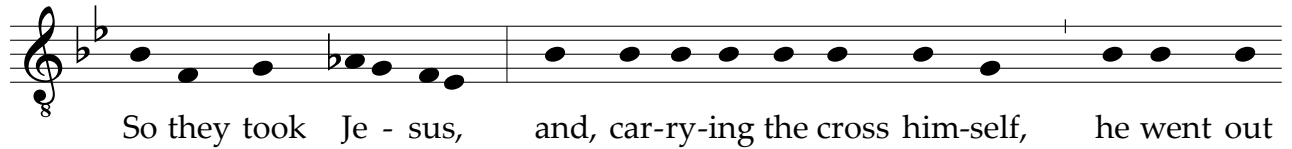
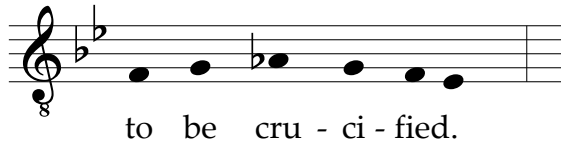
cru-ci-fy you?" *Ev*: Je - sus an - swered him, ✠ "You

would have no pow-er o - ver me if it had not been giv-en to you from a-

bove. For this rea-son the one who hand-ed me ov-er to you has the

great - er sin." *Ev*: Con-se-quent-ly, Pi-late tried to re-lease him; but the Jews







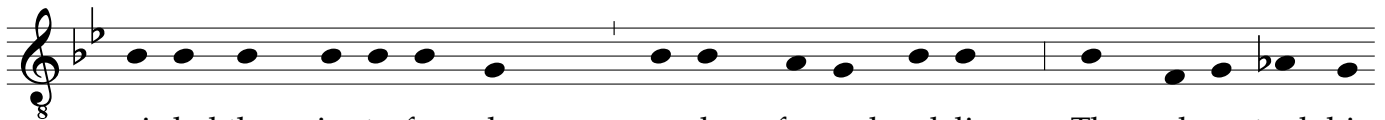
'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.' "



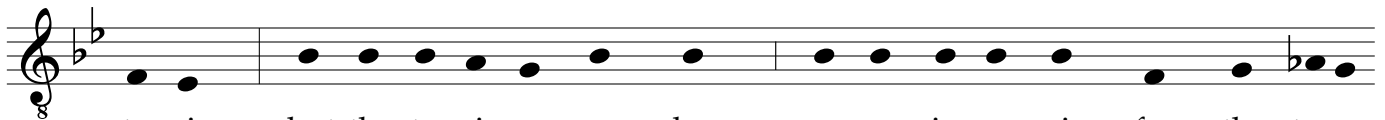
*Ev:* Pi-late answered, *T:* "What I have writ-ten, I have writ-ten."



*Ev:* When the soldiers had cru-ci-fied Je-sus, they took his clothes and di-



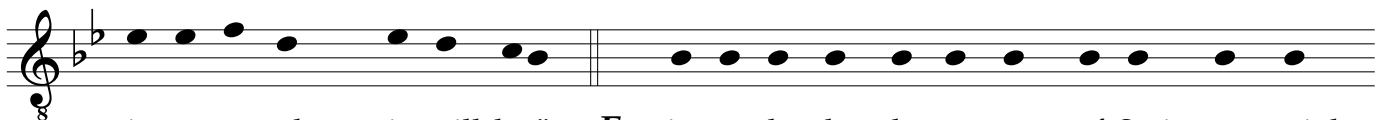
vi-ded them in-to four shares, a share for each soldier. They al-so took his



tu-nic, but the tu-nic was seam-less, wo-ven in one piece from the top



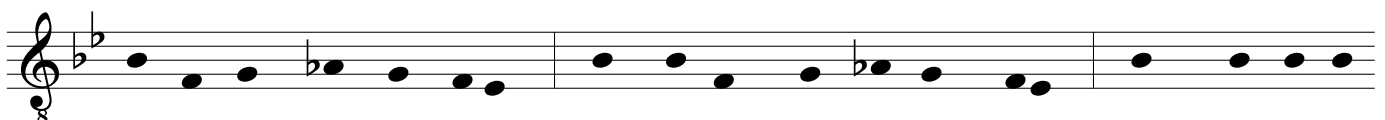
down. So they said to one an-o-ther, *T:* "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for



it to see whose it will be," *Ev:* in or-der that the pas-sage of Scrip-ture might



be ful-filled that says: "They di-vi-ded my gar-ments a-mong them, and for



my ves-ture they cast lots." This is what the sol-diers did. Stand-ing by the



cross of Je-sus were his moth-er and his moth-er's sis-ter, Ma-ry the wife of Clo-

pas, and Ma-ry of Mag-da-la. When Je-sus saw his moth-er and the

dis-ci-ple there whom he loved he said to his moth-er, & "Wo -

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

& "Be - hold, your moth - er." *Ev:* And from that hour the dis-

ci-ple took her in - to his home.

Af-ter this, a-ware that eve-ry-thing was now fin-ished, in or-der that the

Scrip-ture might be ful-filled, Je - sus said, & "I thirst."

*Ev:* There was a ves-sel filled with com-mon wine. So they put a sponge in wine

on a sprig of hys-sop and put it up to his mouth. When Je-sus had ta-ken  
the wine, he said, ✠ "It is fin - ished."

*Ev:* And bow-ing his head, he hand-ed o - ver the spi - rit.

*All kneel and pause for a short time*

*Ev:* Now since it was prep - a - ration day, in or - der that the bod-ies might  
not re-main on the cross on the sab-bath, for the sab-bath 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 oth-er one who was cru-ci-fied with Je - sus. But when they came to Je-

The musical score is written on ten staves, each beginning with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are represented by black dots on the staff lines. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding musical phrases. The score includes a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

sus and saw that he was al-read-y dead, they did not break his legs, but one

sol-dier thrust his lance in-to his side, and im-me-di-ate-ly blood and wa-ter

flowed out. An eye-wit-ness has tes-ti-fied, and his tes-ti-mo-ny is true;

he knows that he is speak-ing the truth, so that you al-so may come to be-

lieve. For this hap-pened so that the Scrip-ture pas-sage might be ful-filled:

"Not a bone of it will be bro - ken." And a-gain an-oth-er pas-sage says:

"They will look up-on him whom they have pierced."

Af-ter this, Jo-seph of A - ri-ma-the - a, se-cret-ly a dis-ci-ple of Je-

sus for fear of the Jews, asked Pi-late if he could re-move the bod - y of

