

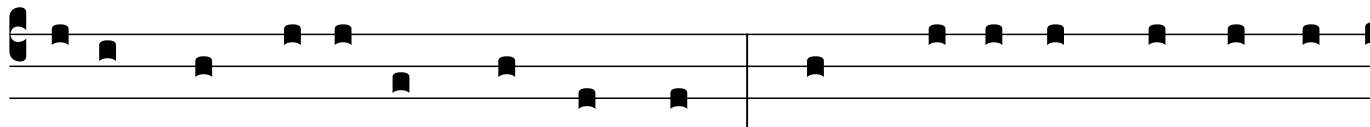
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John (John 19:1-37)

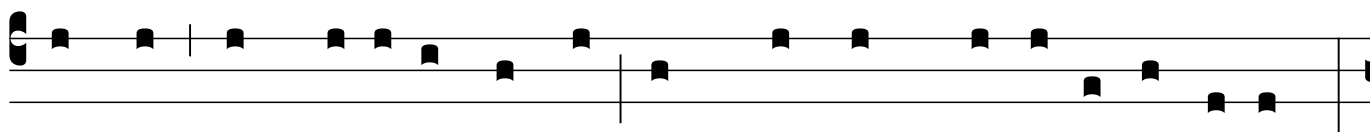
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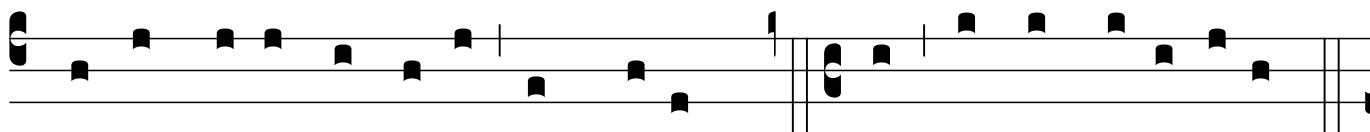
he Passion of our Lord Je-sus Christ, according to John. C. [Then]



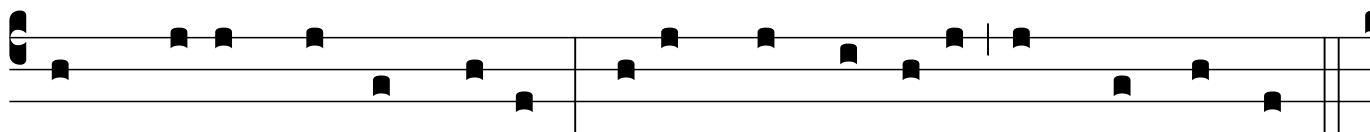
Pi-late took Je-sus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown



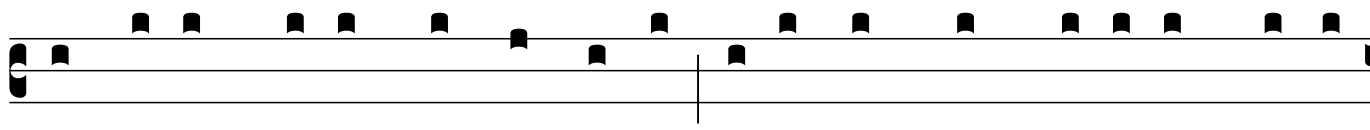
of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.



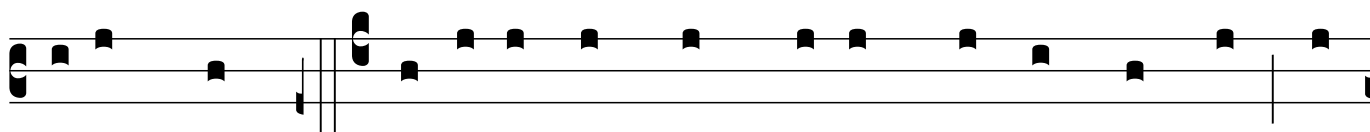
They kept coming up to him, and say-ing, S. Hail, King of the Ju-de- ans! C.



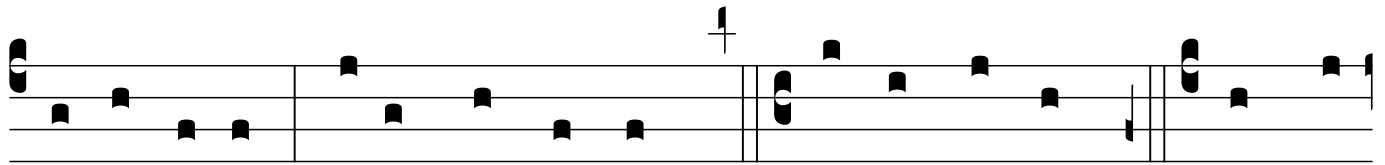
and stri-king him on the face. Pi-late went out again and said to them, S.



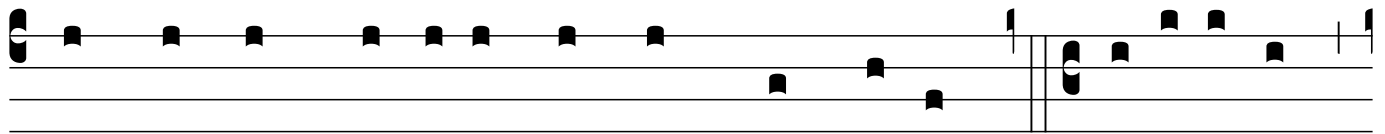
Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case



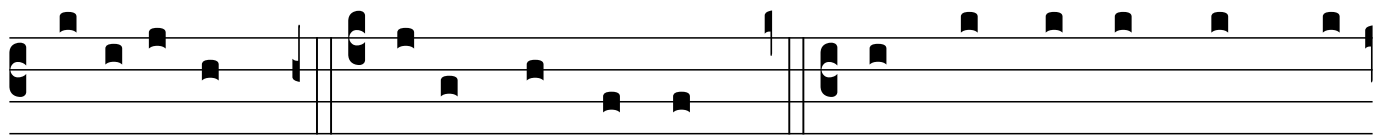
against him. C. So Je-sus came out, wear-ing the crown of thorns and



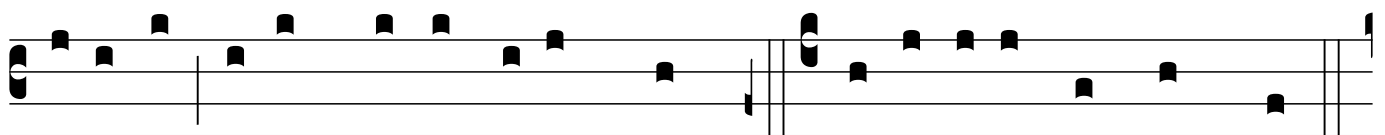
the purple robe. Pi-late said to them, S. Here is the man! C. When the



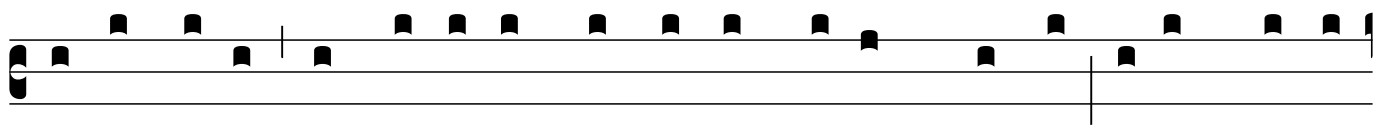
chief priests and the po-lice saw him, they shou-ted, S. Cru-ci-fy him!



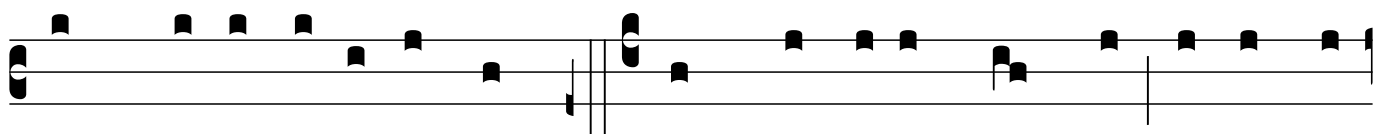
Cru-ci-fy him! C. Pi-late said to them, S. Take him yourselves and cru-



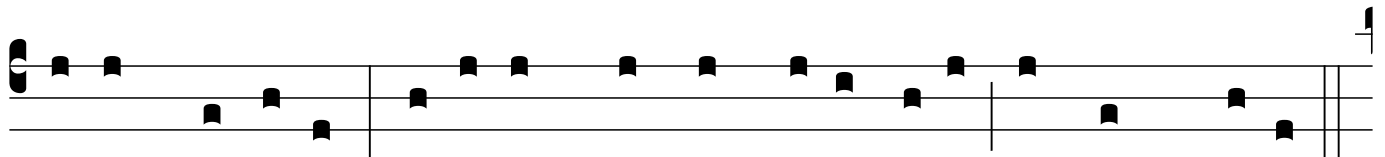
ci-fy him; I find no case against him. C. The Ju-de-ans answered him, S.



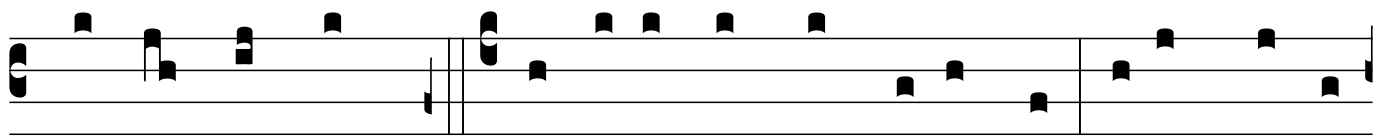
We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has



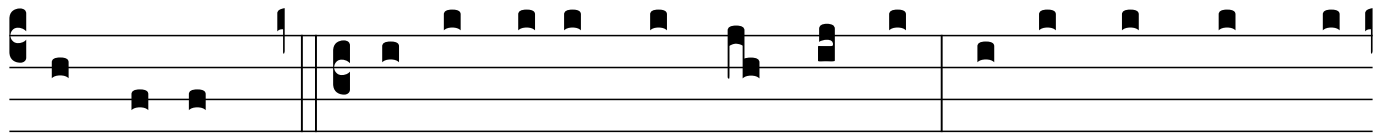
claimed to be the Son of God. C. Now when Pi-late heard this, he was more



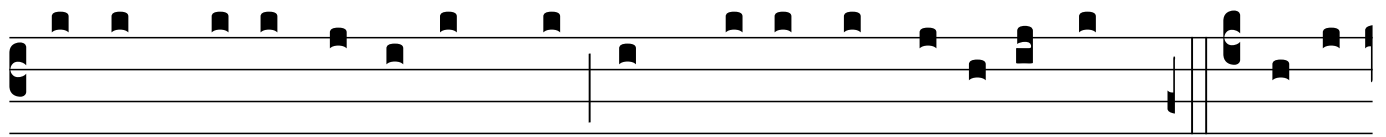
afraid than ev-er. He entered his headquarters again and asked Je-sus, S.



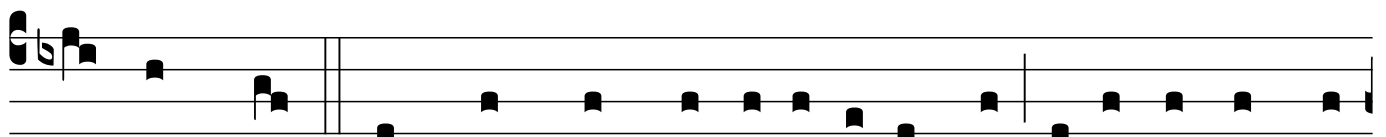
Where are you from? C. But Je-sus gave him no answer. Pi-late therefore



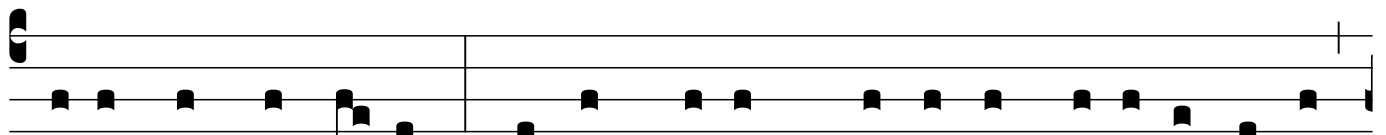
said to him, S. Do you re-fuse to speak to me? Do you not know that



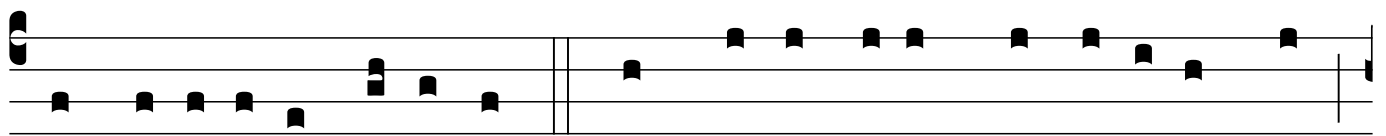
I have power to re-lease you, and power to cru-ci-fy you? C. Je-sus



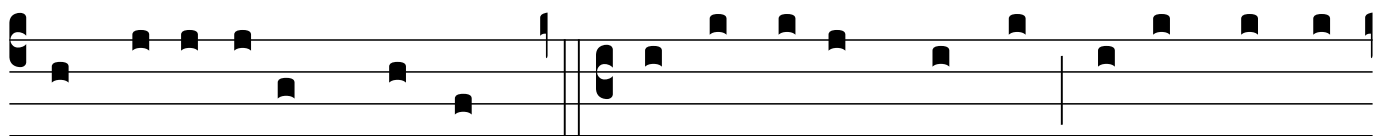
answered him, † You would have no power o-ver me unless it had been



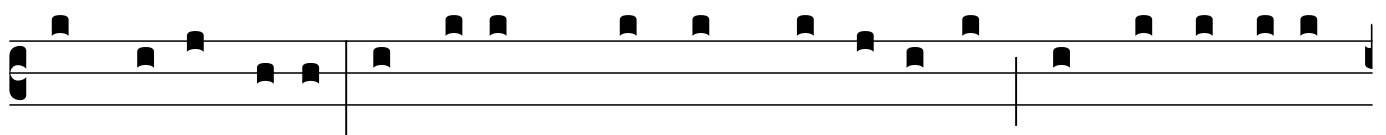
giv-en you from a-bove; therefore the one who handed me o-ver to you



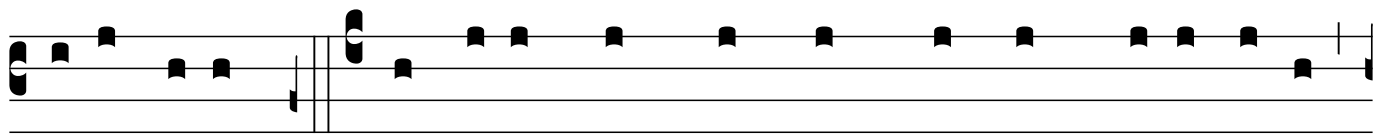
is guilt-y of a great-er sin. C. From then on Pi-late tried to re-lease him,



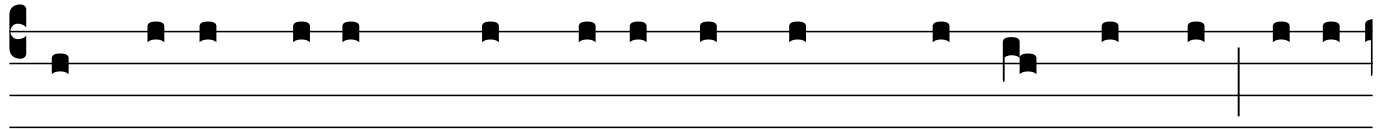
but the Ju-de-ans cried out, S. If you re-lease this man, you are no friend



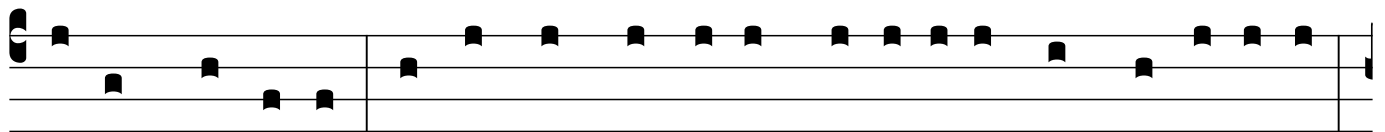
of the emper-or. Every-one who claims to be a king sets himself against



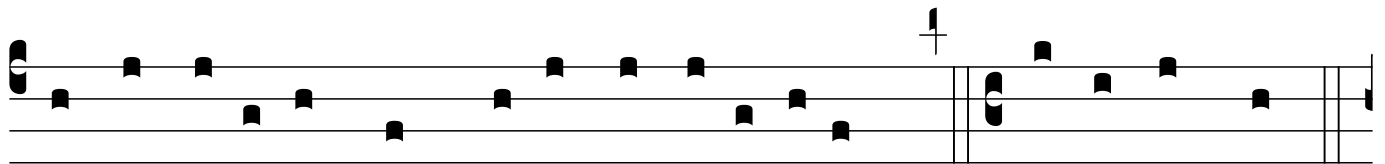
the emper-or. C. When Pi-late heard these words, he brought Je-sus outside



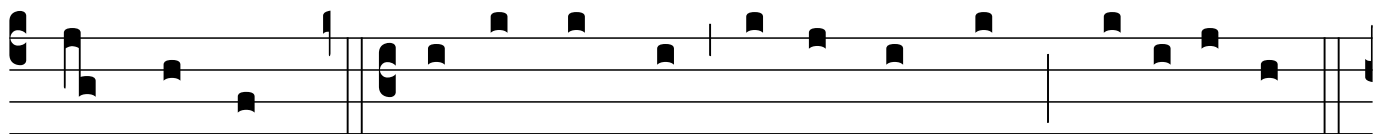
and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in



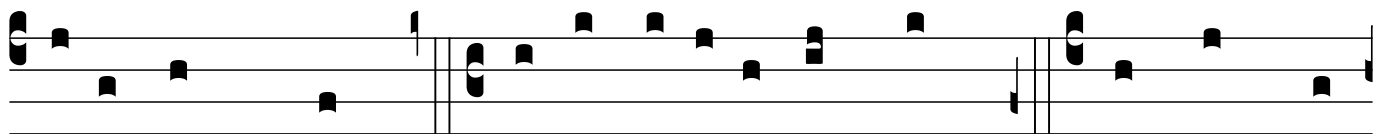
Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Prep-a-ration for the Passo-ver;



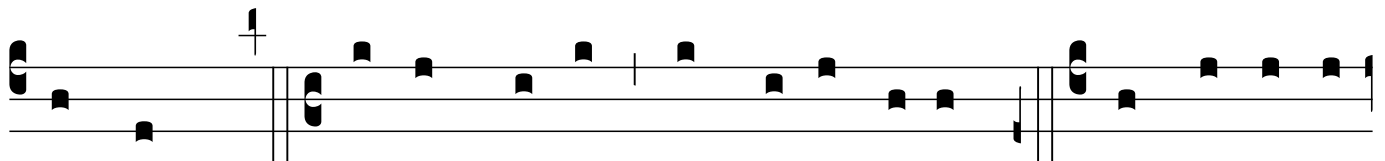
and it was about noon. He said to the Ju-de-ans, S. Here is your King! C.



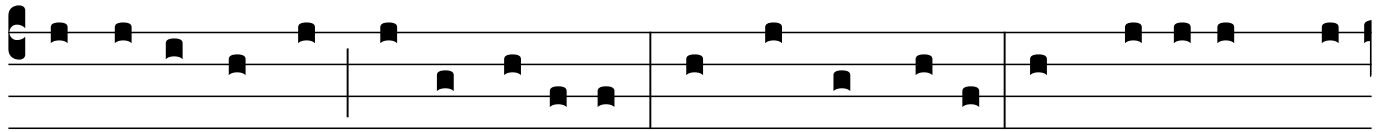
They cried out, S. Away with him! Away with him! Cru-ci-fy him! C.



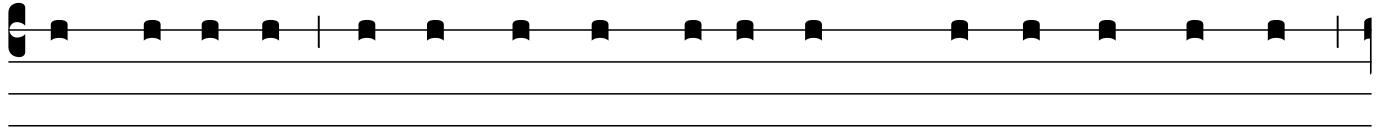
Pi-late asked them, S. Shall I cru-ci-fy your King? C. The chief priests



answered, S. We have no king but the emper-or. C. Then he handed

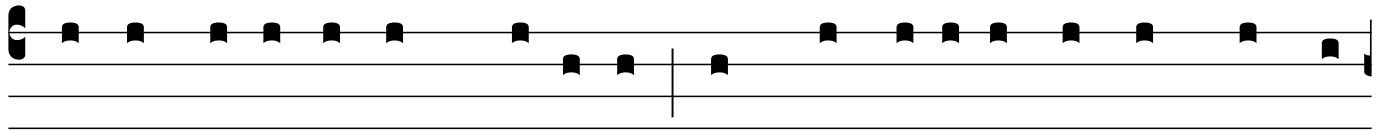


him o-ver to them to be cru-ci-fied. So they took Je-sus; and carry- ing the

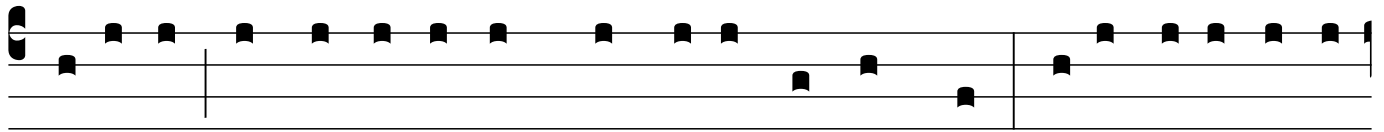


cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,

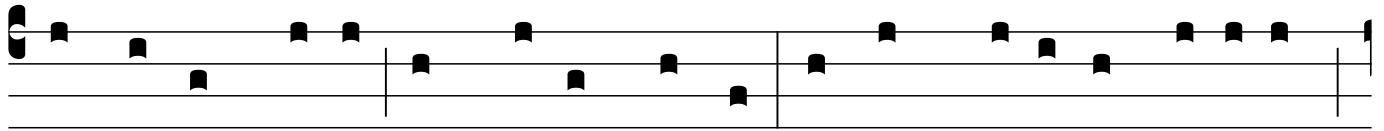
All stand.



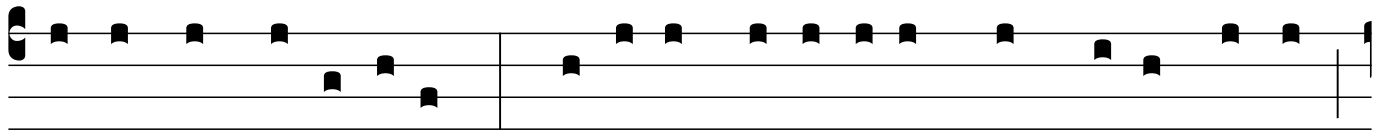
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they cru-ci-fied him, and with him



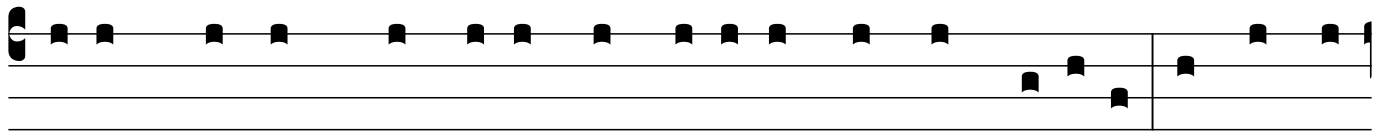
two others, one on either side, with Je-sus between them. Pi-late also had an



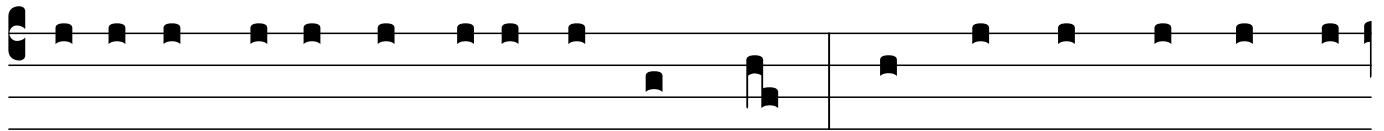
inscription writ-ten and put on the cross. It read, “Je-sus of Naz-a-reth,



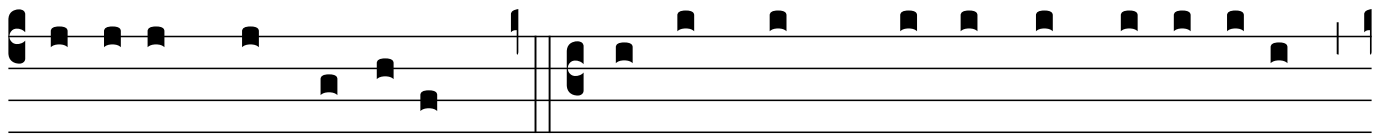
the King of the Ju-de-ans.” Man-y of the Ju-de-ans read this inscription,



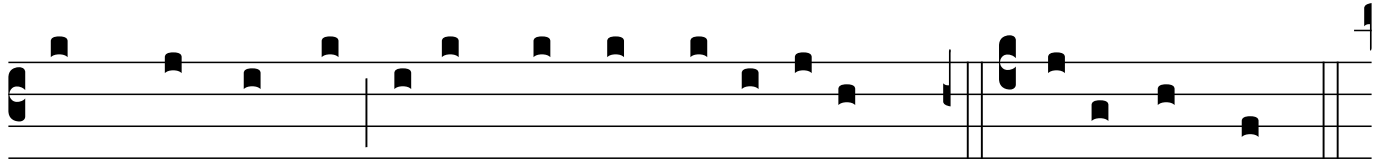
because the place where Je-sus was cru-ci-fied was near the cit-y; and it was



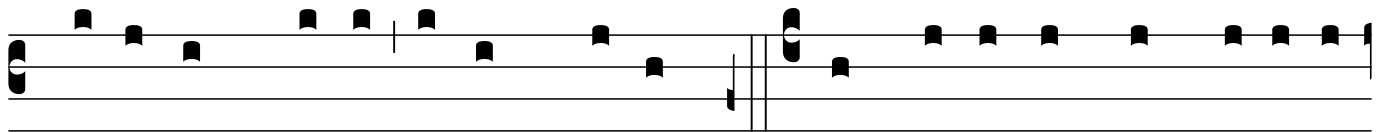
writ-ten in Hebrew, in Lat-in, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the



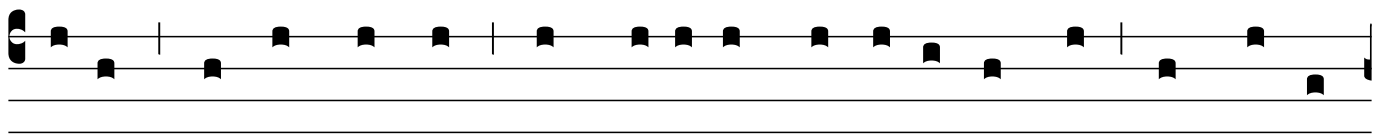
Ju-de-ans said to Pi-late, S. Do not write, ‘The King of the Ju-de-ans,’



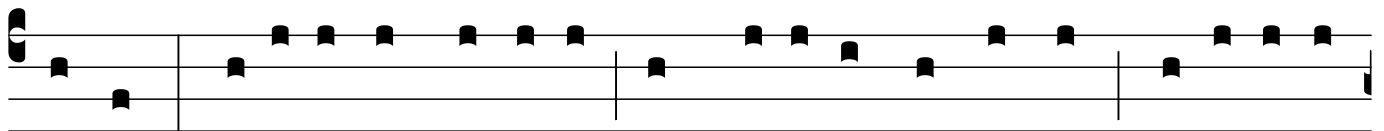
but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Ju-de-ans.’ C. Pi-late answered, S.



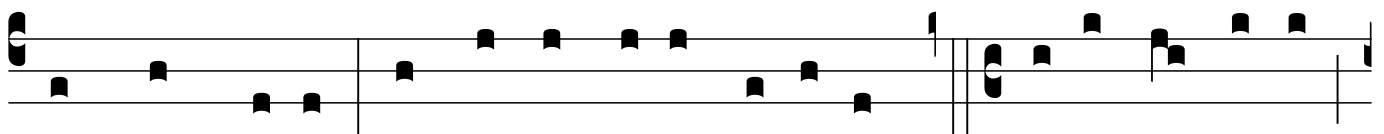
What I have writ-ten I have writ-ten. C. When the soldiers had cru-ci-fied



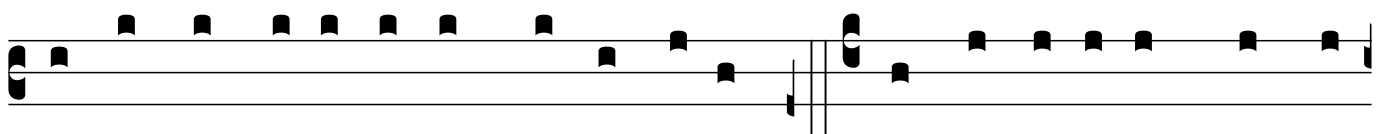
Je-sus, they took his clothes and di-vid-ed them into four parts, one for each



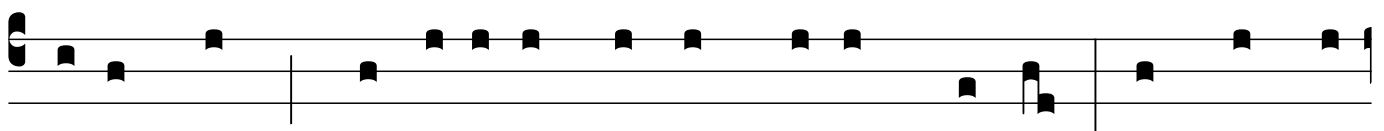
soldier. They also took his tu-nic; now the tu-nic was seamless, wo-ven in one



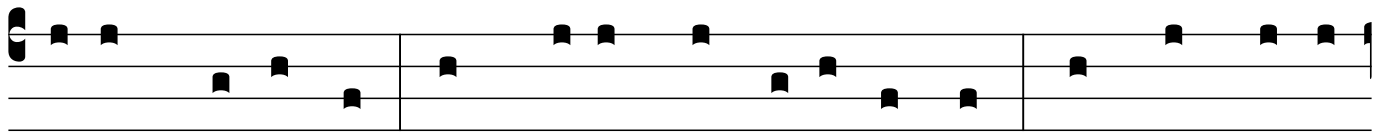
piece from the top. So they said to one an-other, S. Let us not tear it,



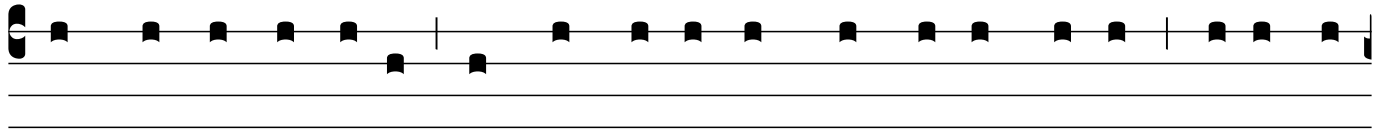
but cast lots for it to see who will get it. C. This was to ful-fill what the



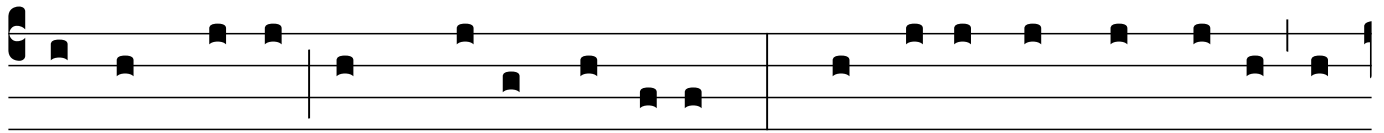
scripture says, ‘They di-vid-ed my clothes among themselves, and for my



clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing



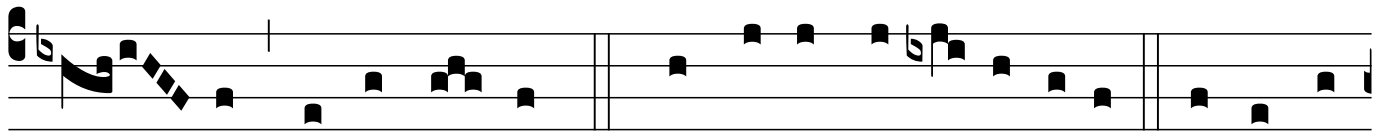
near the cross of Je-sus were his mother, and his mother’s sis-ter, Mar-y the



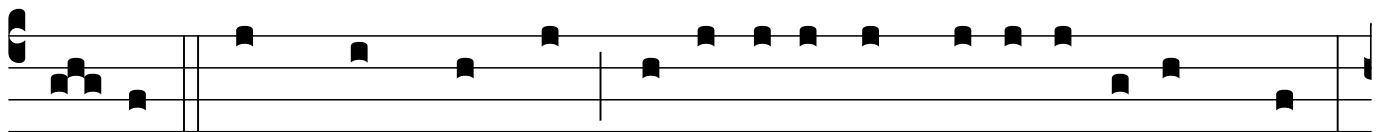
wife of Clo-pas, and Mar-y Magda-lene. When Je-sus saw his mother and



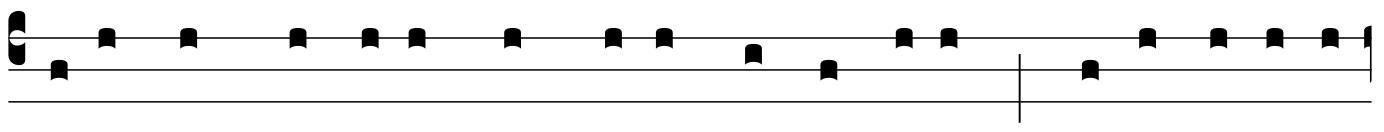
the dis-ciple whom he loved standing be-side her, he said to his mother, †



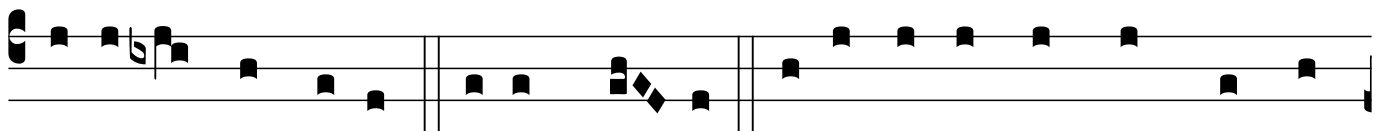
Wom- an, here is your son. C. Then he said to the di-sciple, † Here is your



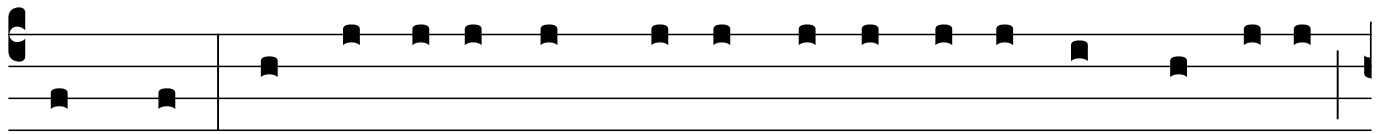
mo-ther. C. And from that hour the di-sciple took her into his own home.



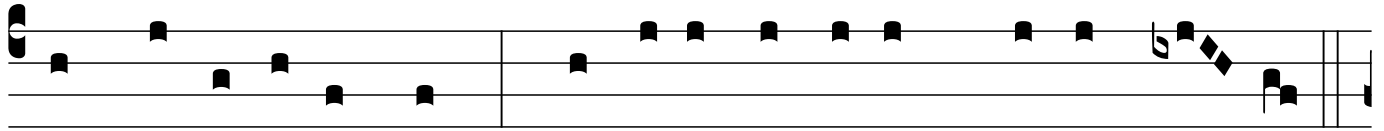
After this, when Je-sus knew that all was now fin-ished, he said, in order



to ful-fill the scripture, † I am thirst- y. C. A jar full of sour wine was stand-

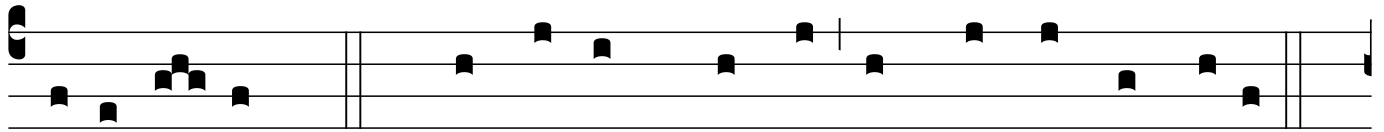


ing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop

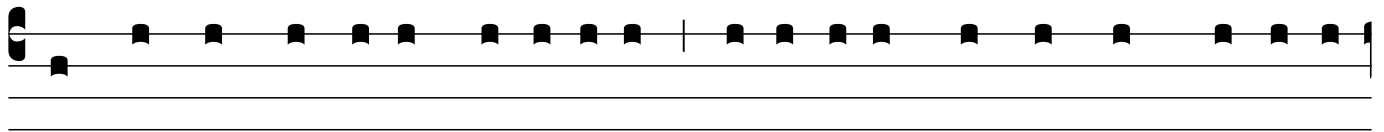


and held it to his mouth. When Je-sus had re-ceived the wine, he said, †

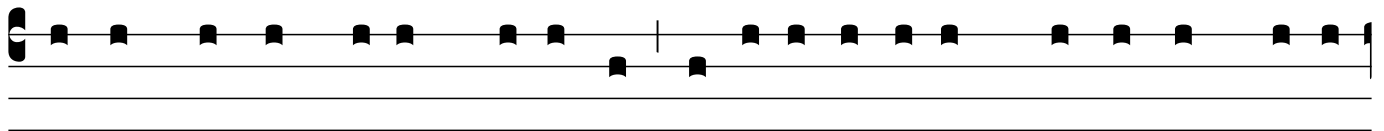
All kneel. Pause for t



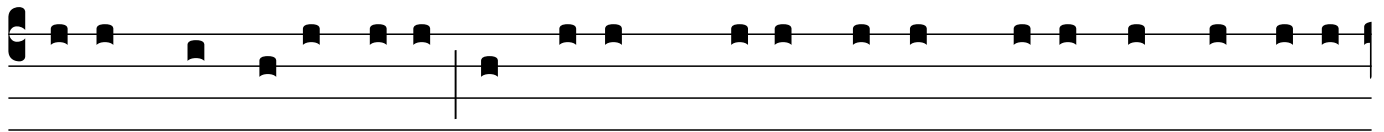
It is fin-ished. C. Then he bowed his head and gave up his spir-it.



Since it was the day of Prep-a-ration, the Ju-de-ans did not want the bodies



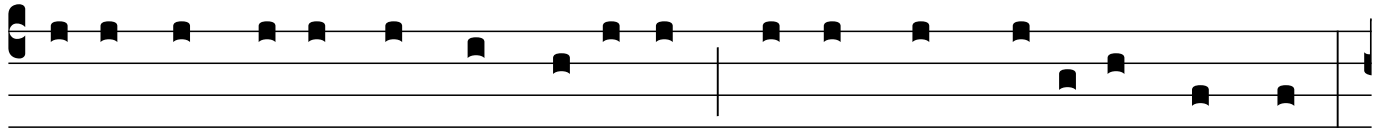
left on the cross dur-ing the sabbath, especial-ly because that sabbath was a



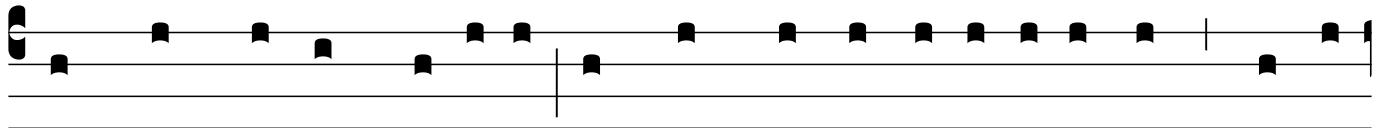
day of great so-lemni-ty. So they asked Pi-late to have the legs of the cru-ci-



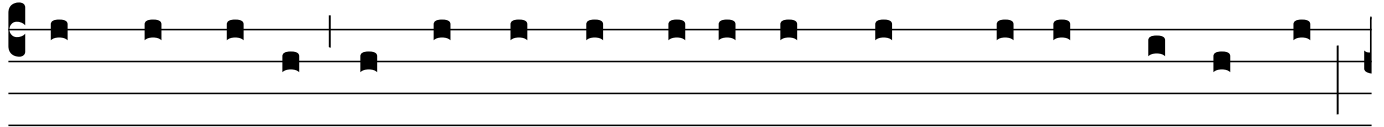
fied men bro-ken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke



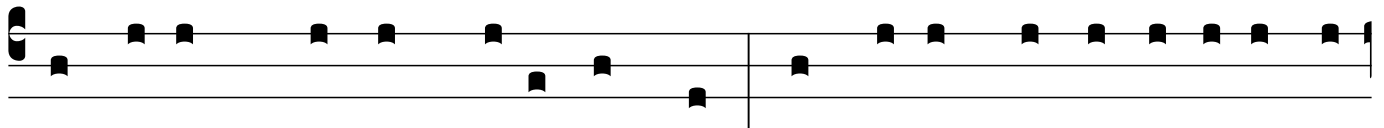
the legs of the first and of the other who had been cru-ci-fied with him.



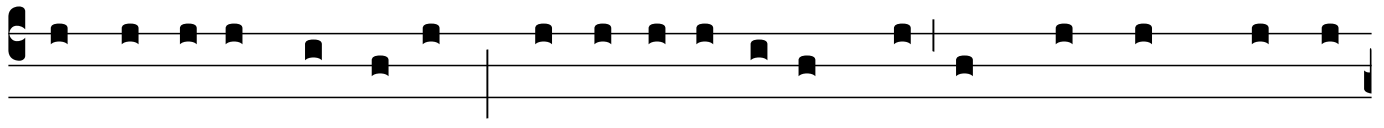
But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead, they did



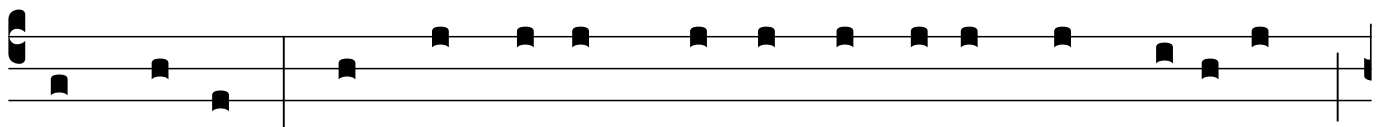
not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,



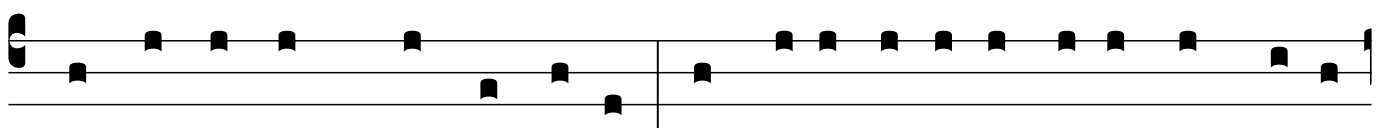
and at once blood and wa-ter came out. He who saw this has tes-ti-fied so



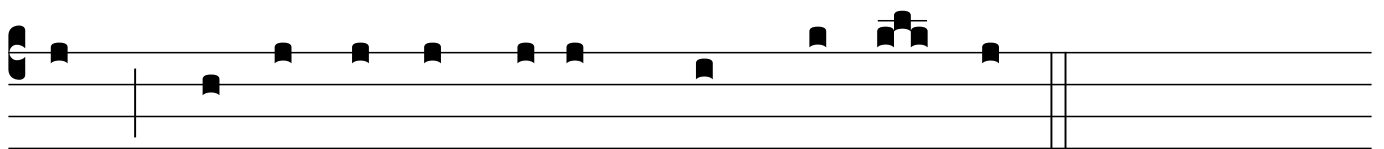
that you also may be-lieve. His tes-timo-ny is true, and he knows that he



tells the truth. These things occurred so that the scripture might be ful-filled,



“None of his bones shall be bro-ken.” And again an-other passage of scripture



says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”