

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John (John 18:1-19:42)

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

went out with his dis-ciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there

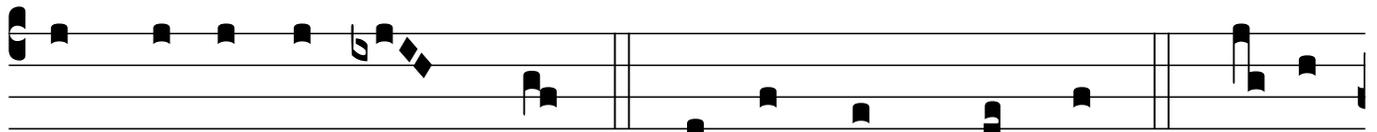
was a garden, which he and his dis-ciples entered. Now Ju-das, who betrayed

him, also knew the place, because Je-sus often met there with his dis-ciples.

So Ju-das brought a de-tachment of soldiers to-gether with po-lice from the

chief priests and the Phar-i-sees, and they came there with lanterns and tor-

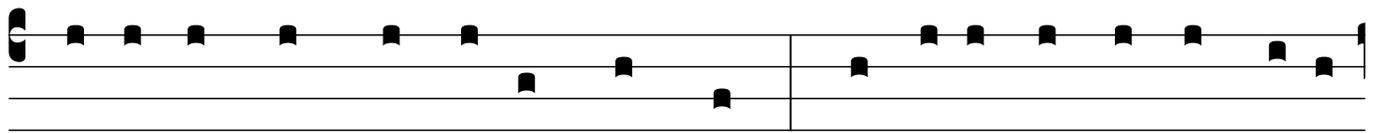
ch-es and weapons. Then Je-sus, knowing all that was to happen to him,



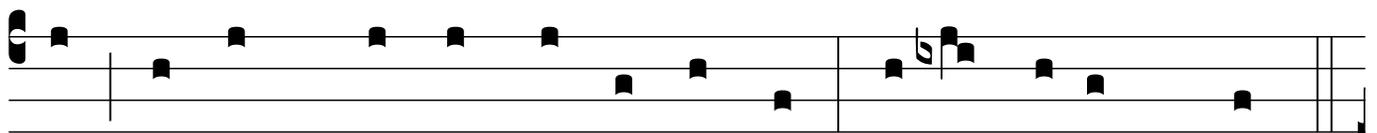
came forward and asked them, † Whom are you looking for? C. They ans-



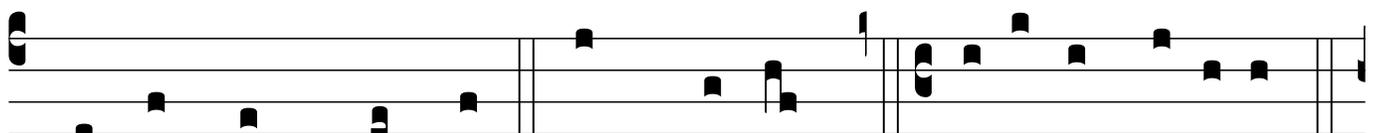
wered, S. Je-sus of Naz-a-reth. C. Je-sus replied † I am he. C. Ju-das,



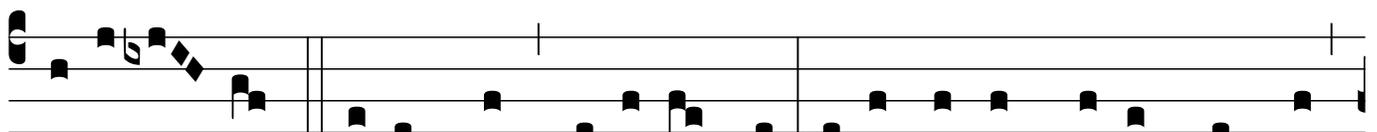
who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Je-sus said to them, 'I am



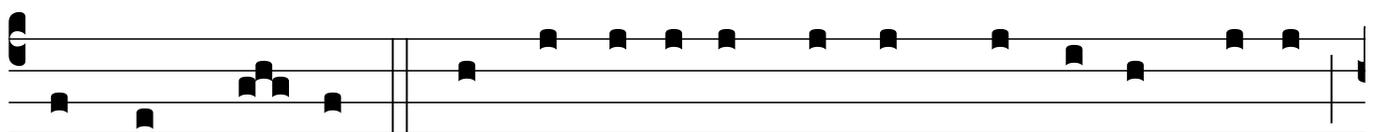
he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. A-gain he asked them, †



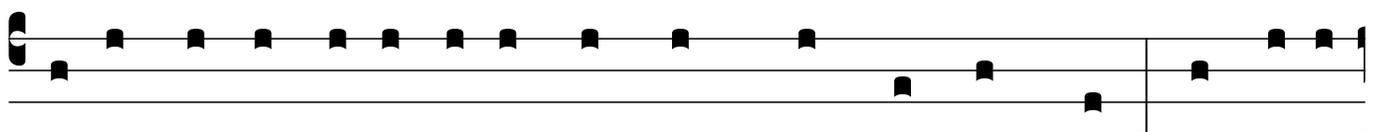
Whom are you looking for? C. And they said, S. Je-sus of Naz-a-reth. C.



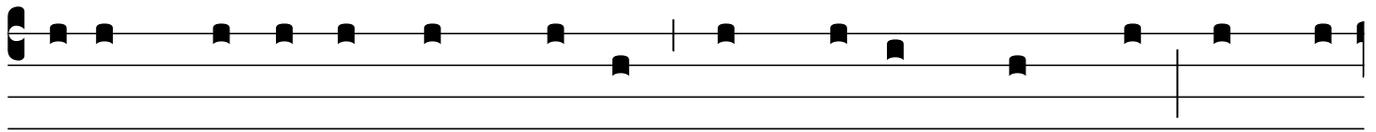
Je-sus answered, † I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me,



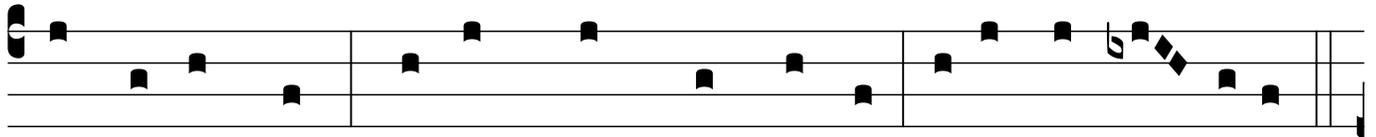
let these men go. C. This was to ful-fill the word that he had spo-ken,



'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon



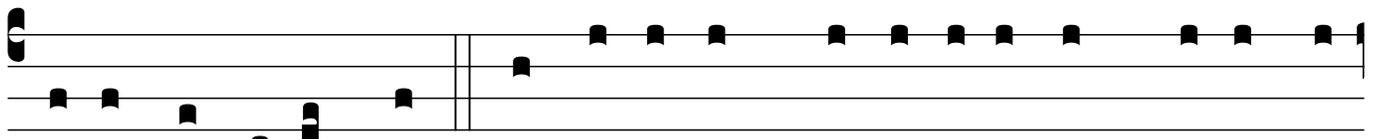
Pe-ter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut



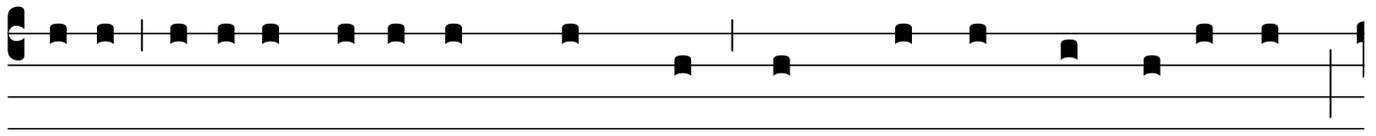
off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Je-sus said to Pe-ter, †



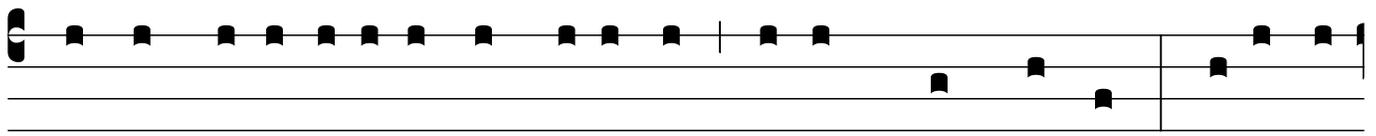
Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the



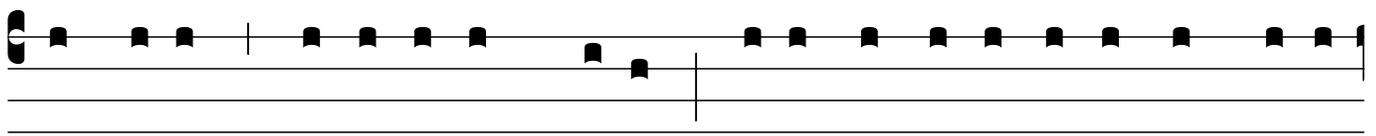
Father has giv-en me? C. So the soldiers, their of-fic-er, and the temple



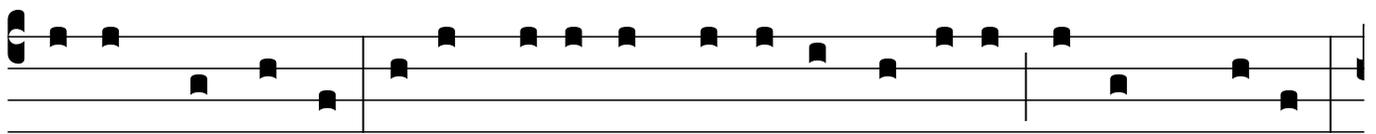
po-lice arrested Je-sus and bound him. First they took him to Annas,



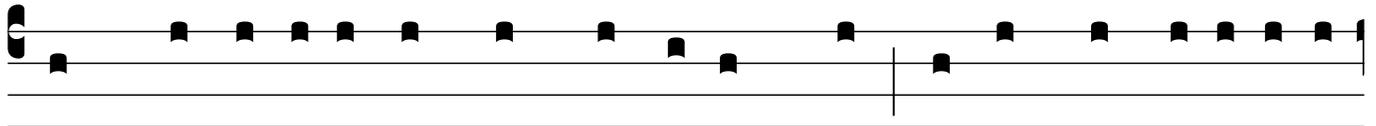
who was the father-inlaw of Cai-aphas, the high priest that year. Cai-aphas



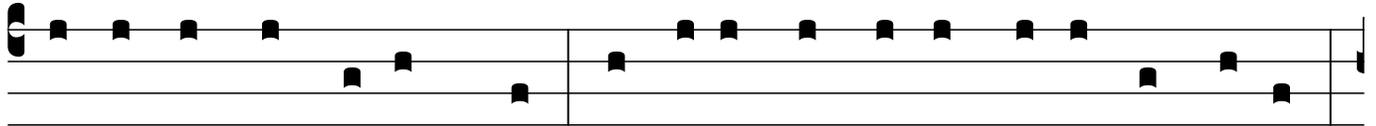
was the one who had advised the Jews that it was bet-ter to have one person



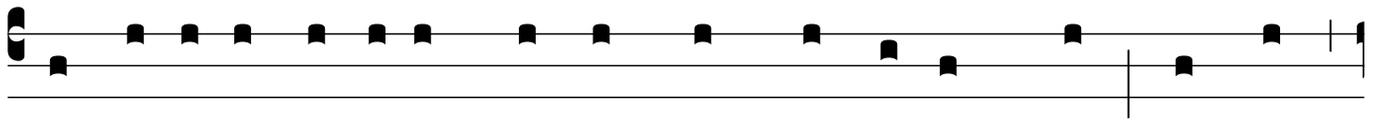
die for the people. Simon Pe-ter and an-other dis-ciple fol-lowed Je-sus.



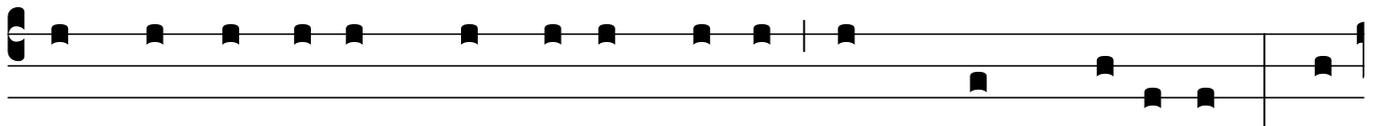
Since that dis-ciple was known to the high priest, he went with Je-sus into



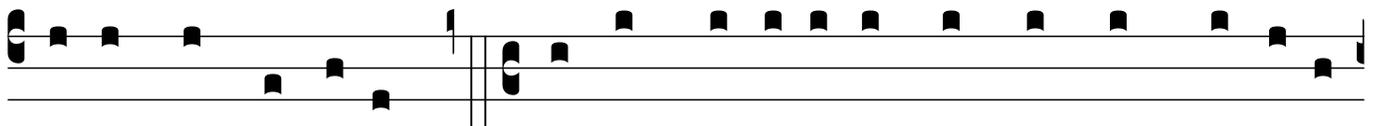
the courtyard of the high priest, but Pe-ter was standing outside at the gate.



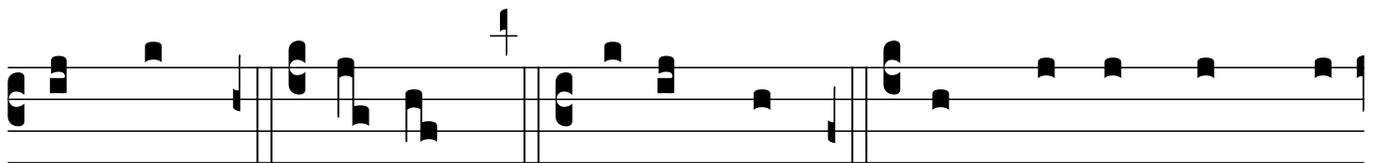
So the other dis-ciple, who was known to the high priest, went out,



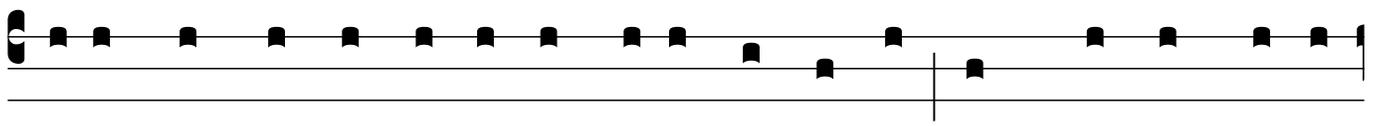
spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Pe-ter in. The



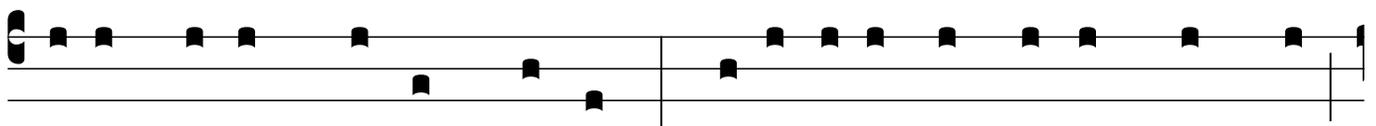
woman said to Pe-ter, S. You are not also one of this man's di-sciples,



are you? C. He said, S. I am not. C. Now the slaves and the



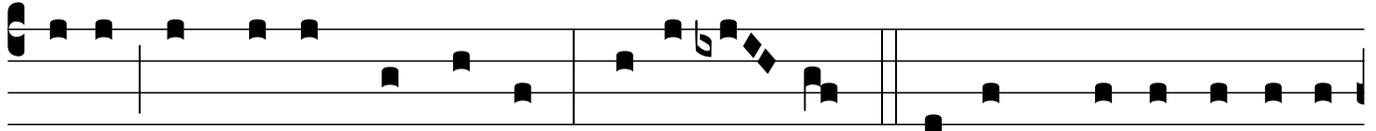
po-lice had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing



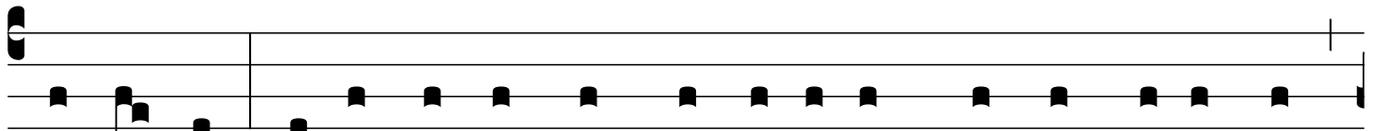
around it and warming themselves. Pe-ter also was standing with them



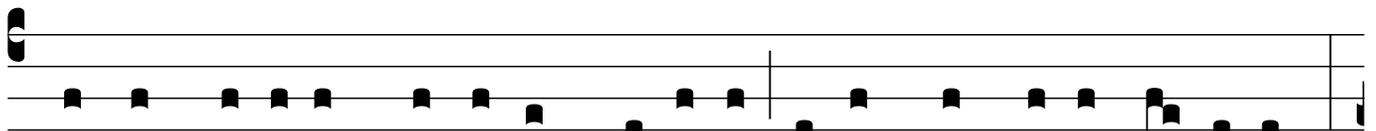
and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Je-sus about his dis-



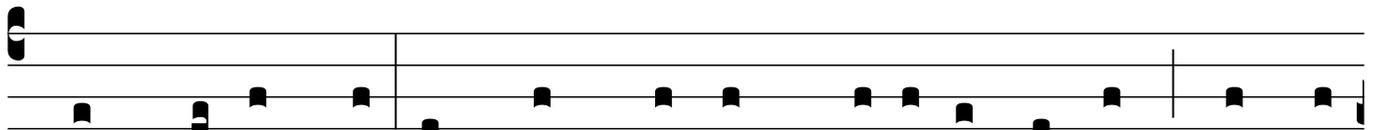
ciples and about his teaching. Je-sus answered, † I have spo-ken o-penly



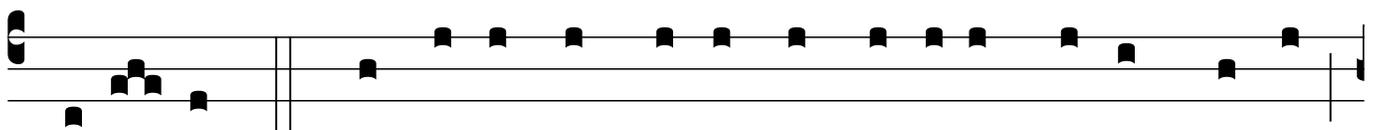
to the world; I have always taught in syn-a-gogues and in the temple,



where all the Jewish people come to-gether. I have said nothing in secret.



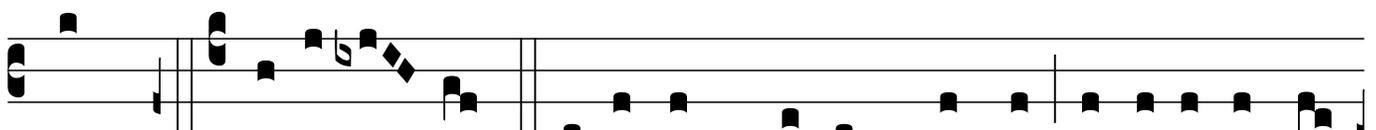
Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know



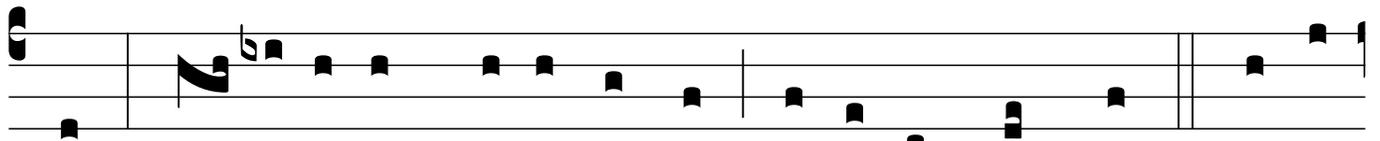
what I said. C. When he had said this, one of the po-lice standing nearby



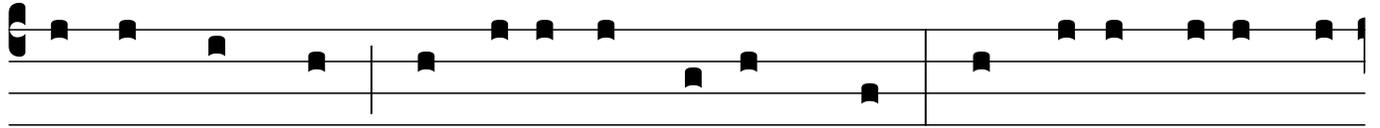
struck Je-sus on the face, say-ing, S. Is that how you answer the high



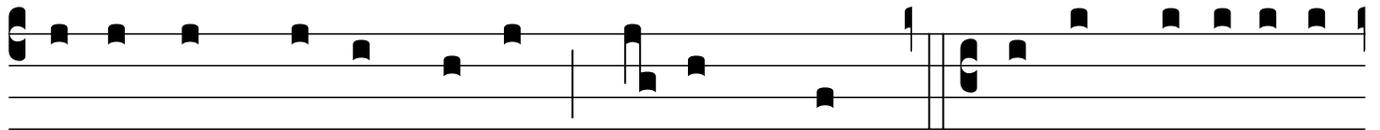
priest? C. Je-sus answered, † If I have spo-ken wrongly, tes-ti-fy to the



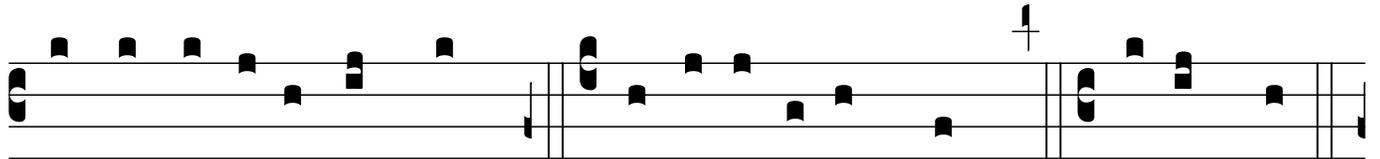
wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me? C. Then An-



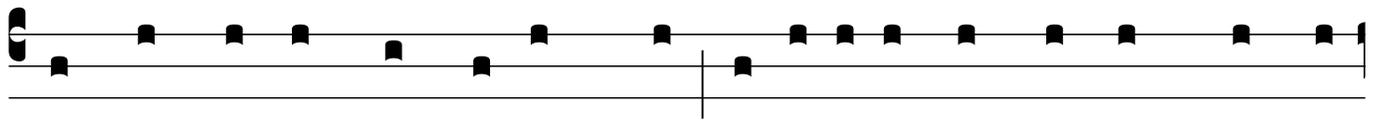
nas sent him bound to Cai-aphas the high priest. Now Simon Pe-ter was



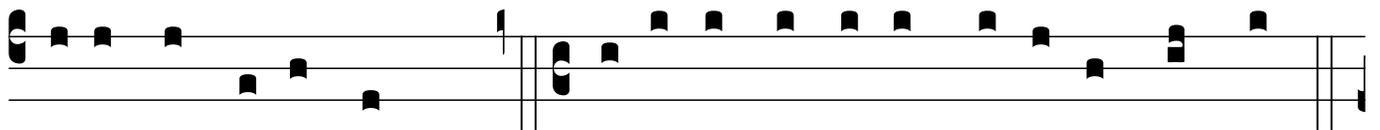
standing and warming himself. They asked him, S. You are not also one



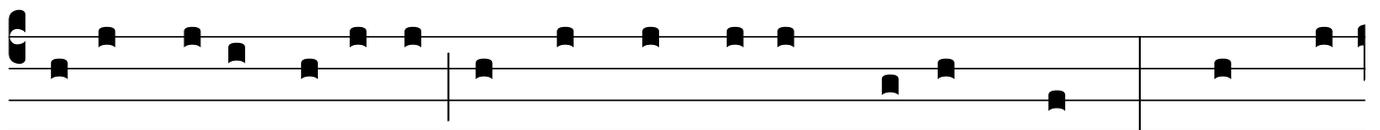
of his dis-ciples, are you? C. He denied it and said, S. I am not. C.



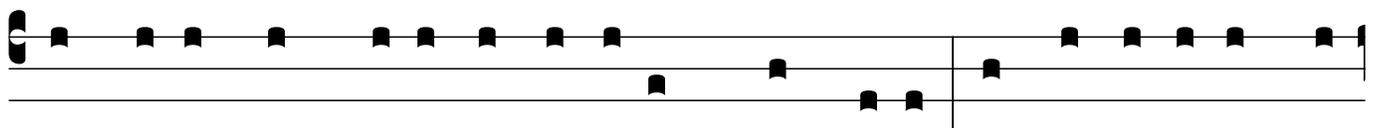
One of the slaves of the high priest, a rel-a-tive of the man whose ear



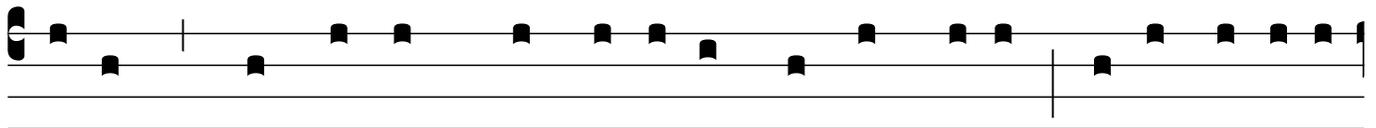
Pe-ter had cut off, asked, S. Did I not see you in the garden with him? C.



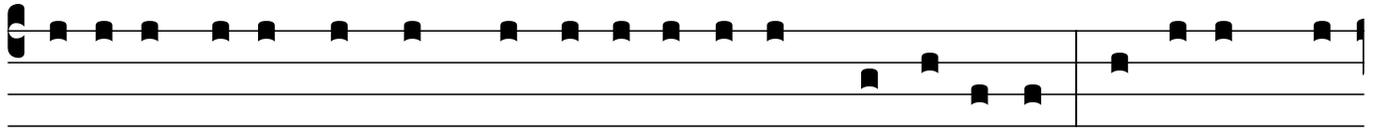
Again Pe-ter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they



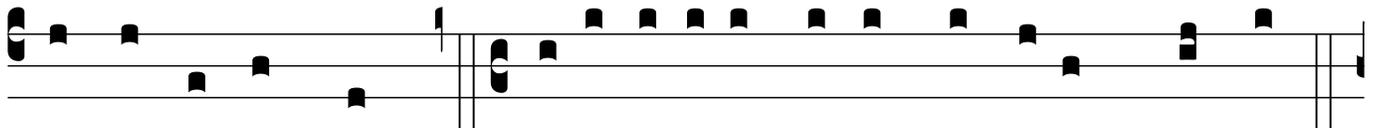
took Je-sus from Cai-aphas to Pi-late's headquarters. It was early in the



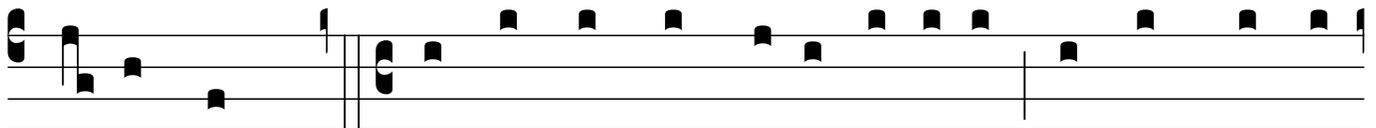
morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid



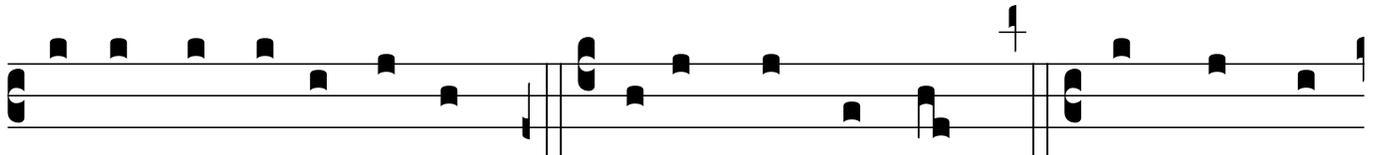
rit-u- al de- filement and to be able to eat the Passo-ver. So Pi-late went



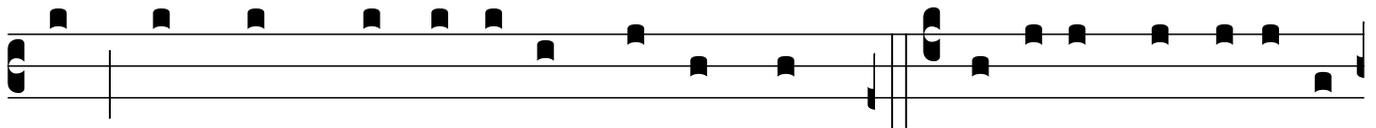
out to them and said, S. What accu-sation do you bring against this man? C.



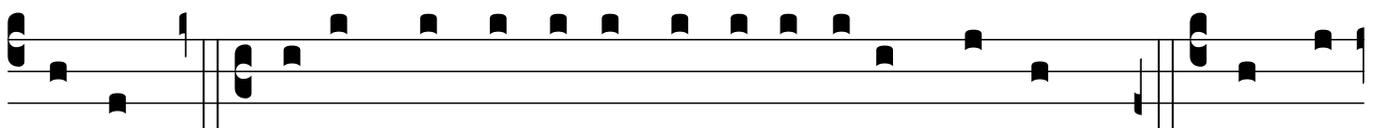
They answered, S. If this man were not a crim-i-nal, we would not have



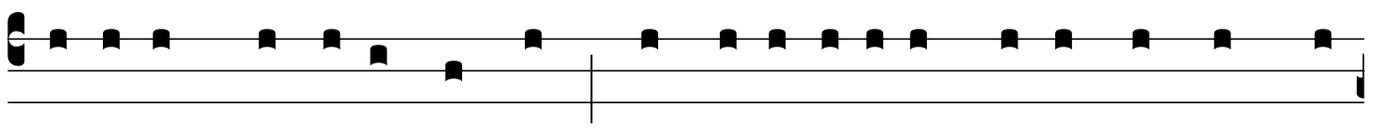
handed him o-ver to you. C. Pi-late said to them, S. Take him your-



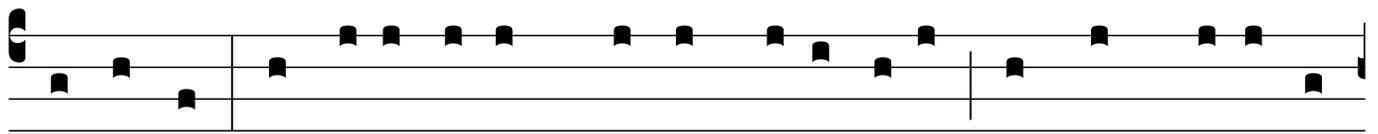
selves and judge him according to your law. C. The Jewish author-i-ties



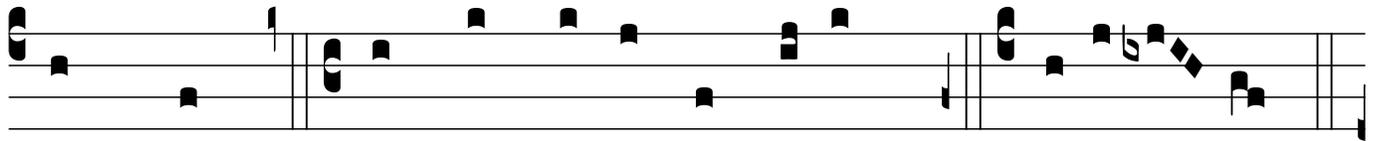
replied S. We are not permit-ted to put an-y- one to death. C. This was



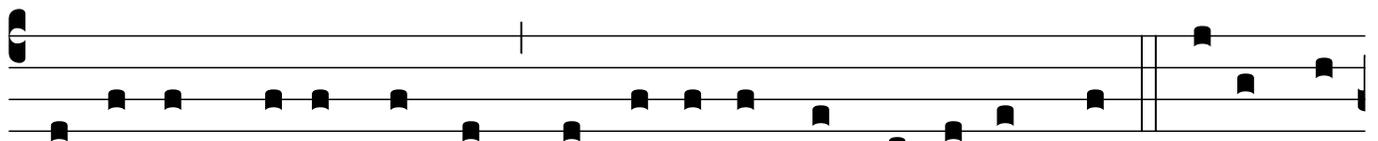
to ful-fill what Je-sus had said when he indi-cat-ed the kind of death he



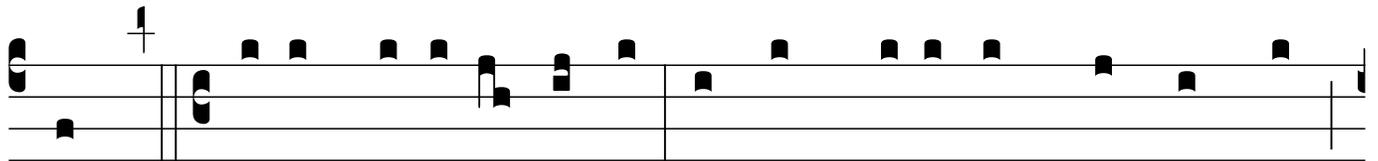
was to die. Then Pi-late entered the headquarters again, summoned Je-sus, and



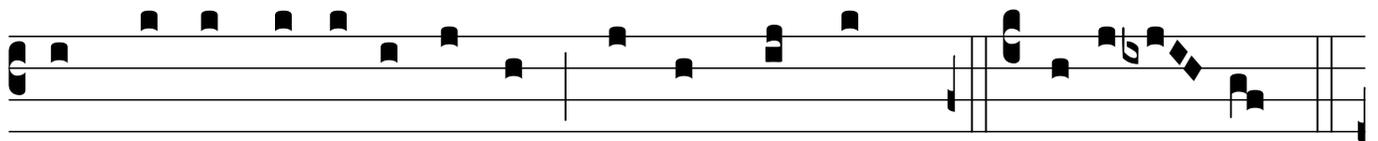
asked him, S. Are you the King of the Jews? C. Je-sus answered, †



Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me? C. Pi-late re-



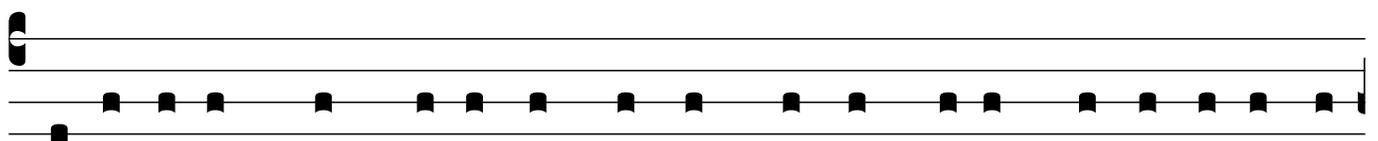
plied, S. I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests



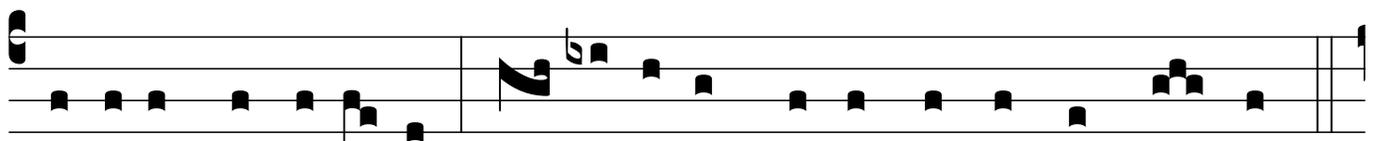
have handed you o-ver to me. What have you done? C. Je-sus answered, †



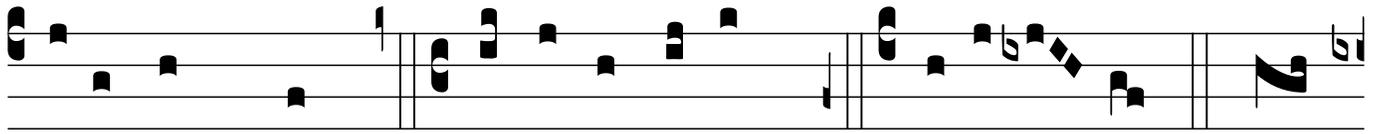
My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world,



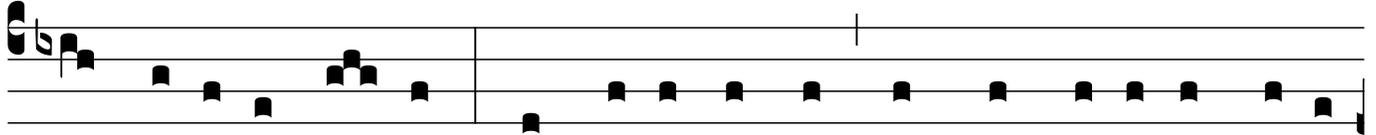
my fol-lowers would be fighting to keep me from be-ing handed o-ver to



the Jewish author-i-ties. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. C.



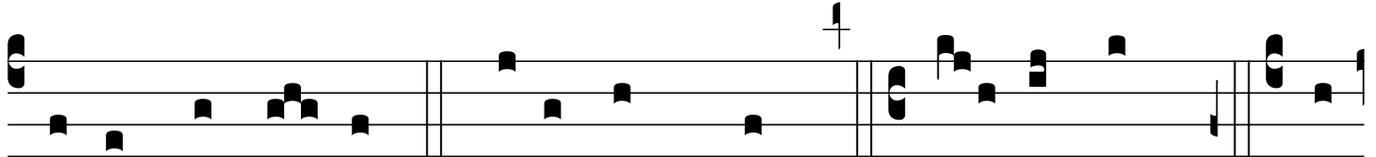
Pi-late asked him, S. So you are a king? C. Je-sus answered, † You



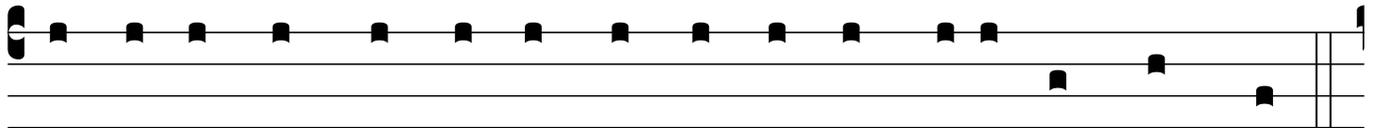
say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into



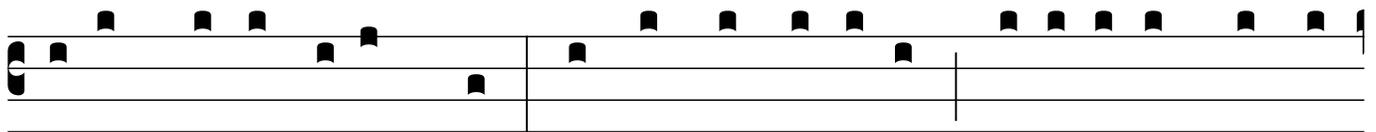
the world, to tes-ti-fy to the truth. Every- one who be-longs to the truth



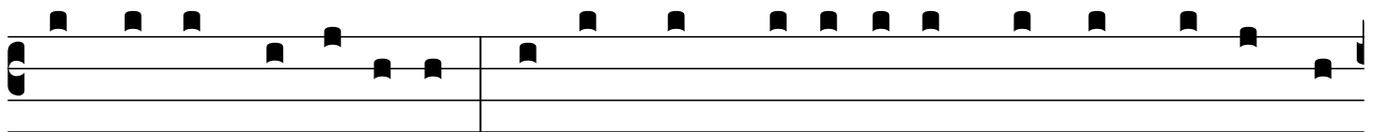
lis-tens to my voice. C. Pi-late asked him, S. What is truth? C. Af-



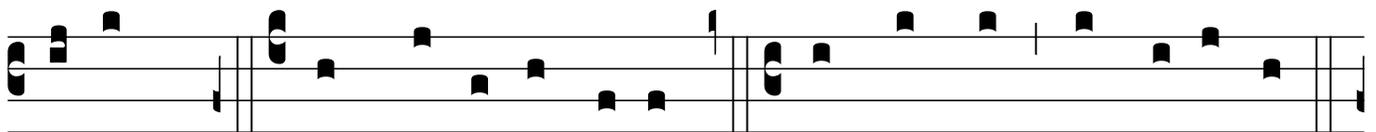
ter he had said this, he went out to the crowd again and told them, S.



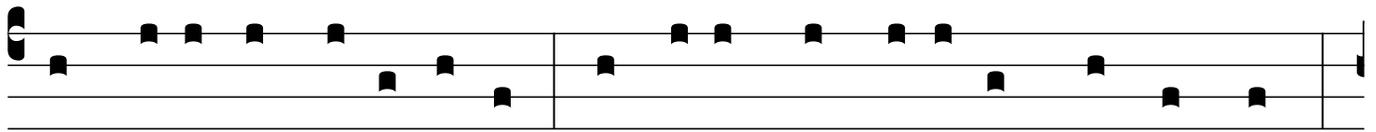
I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I re-lease someone



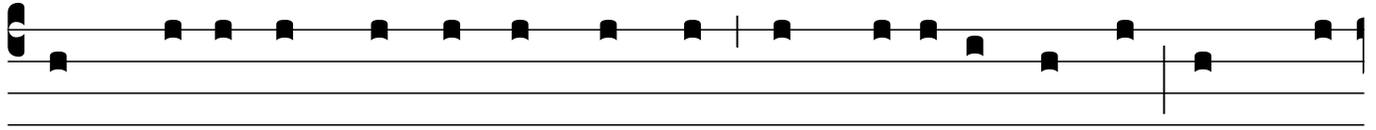
for you at the Passo-ver. Do you want me to re-lease for you the King of



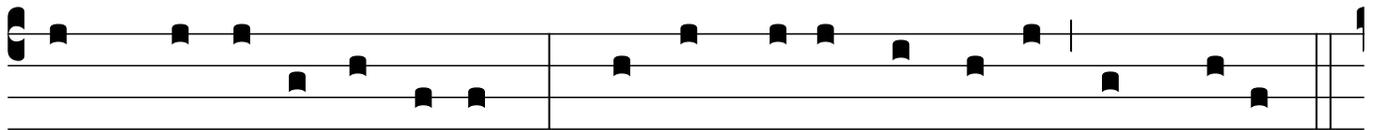
the Jews? C. They shou-ted in reply, S. Not this man, but Ba-rabbas! C.



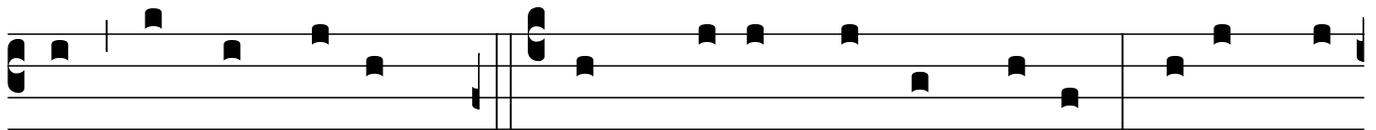
Now Bar-abbas was a bandit. Then Pi-late took Je-sus and had him flogged.



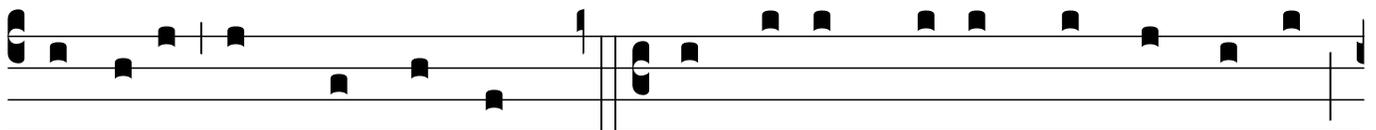
And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they



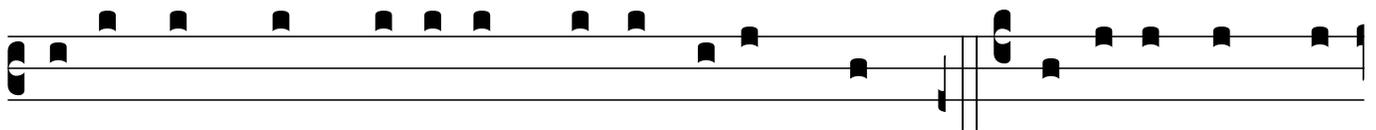
dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, and say-ing, S.



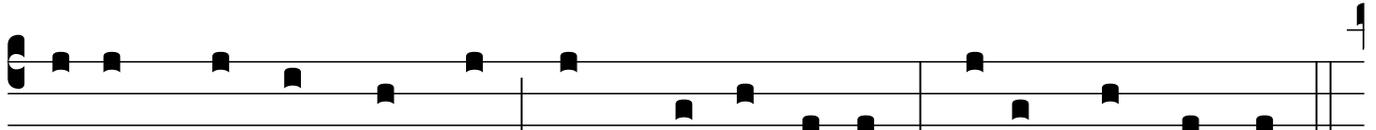
Hail, King of the Jews! C. and stri-king him on the face. Pi-late went



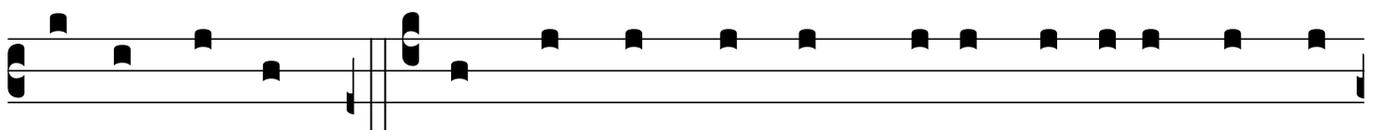
out again and said to them, S. Look, I am bringing him out to you



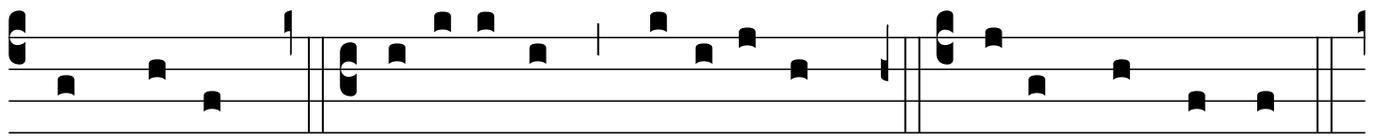
to let you know that I find no case against him. C. So Je-sus came out,



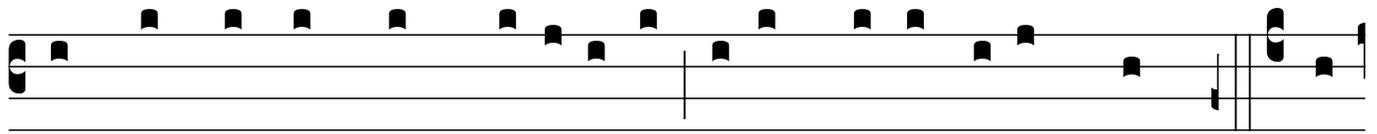
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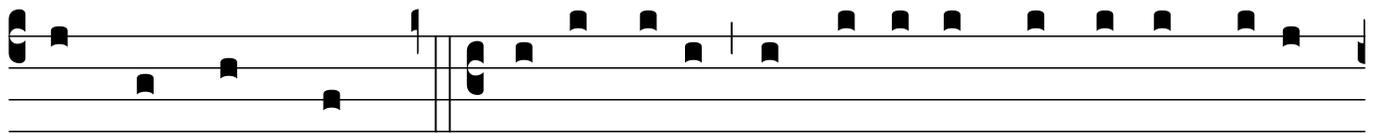
Here is the man! C. When the chief priests and the temple po-lice saw him,



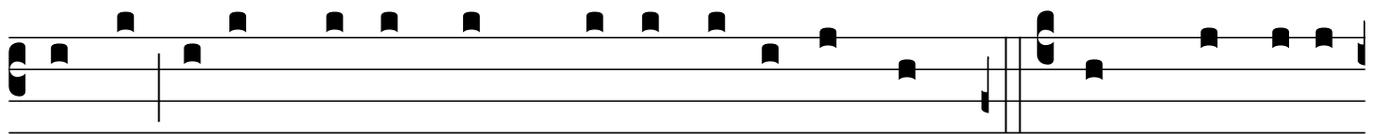
they shou-ted, S. Cru-ci-fy him! Cru-ci-fy him! C. Pi-late said to them, S.



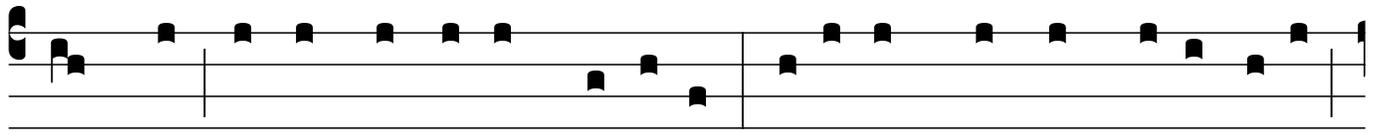
Take him yourselves and cru-ci-fy him; I find no case against him. C. The



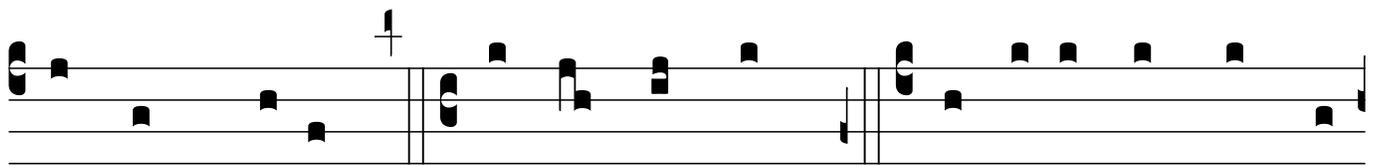
crowd answered him, S. We have a law, and according to that law he ought



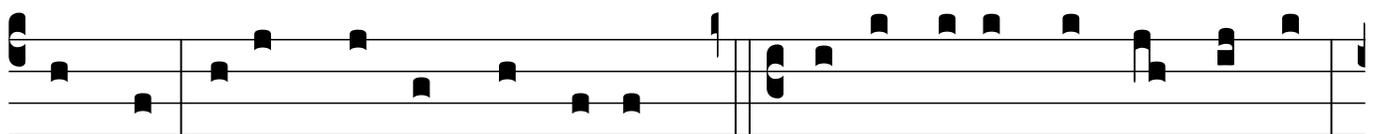
to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God. C. Now when Pi-late



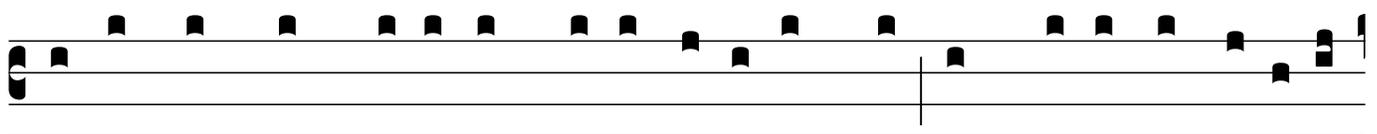
heard this, he was more afraid than ev-er. He entered his headquarters again



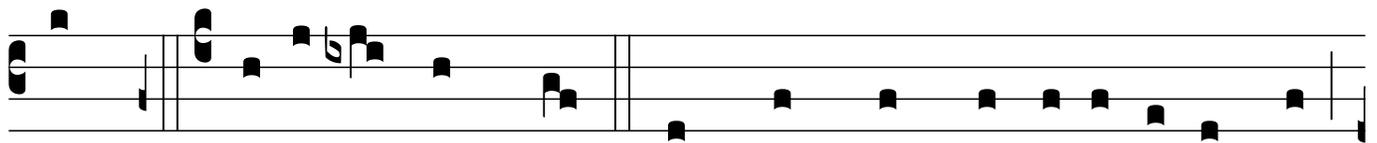
and asked Je-sus, S. Where are you from? C. But Je-sus gave him no



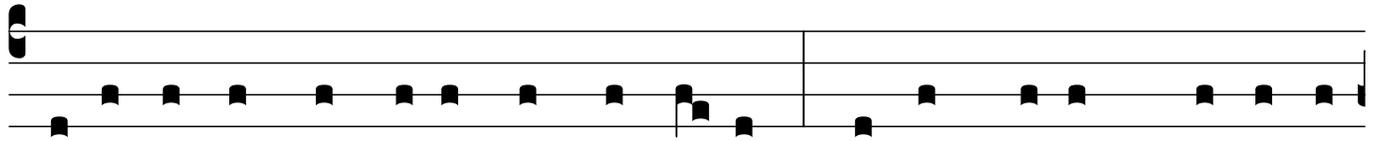
answer. Pi-late therefore said to him, S. Do you re-fuse to speak to me?



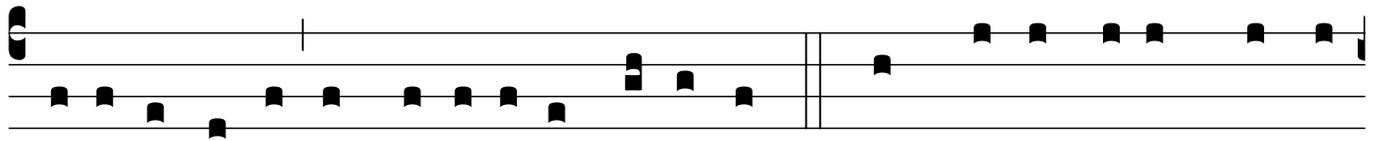
Do you not know that I have power to re-lease you, and power to cru-ci-fy



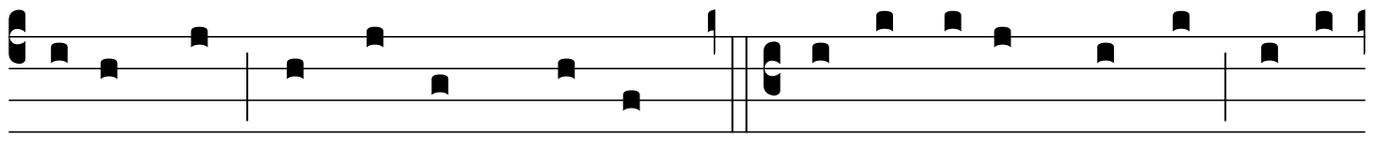
you? C. Je-sus answered him, † You would have no power o-ver me



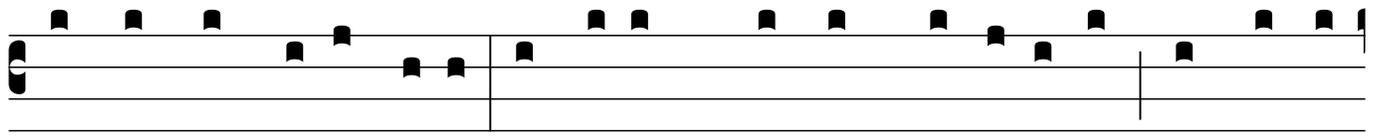
unless it had been giv-en you from a-bove; therefore the one who handed



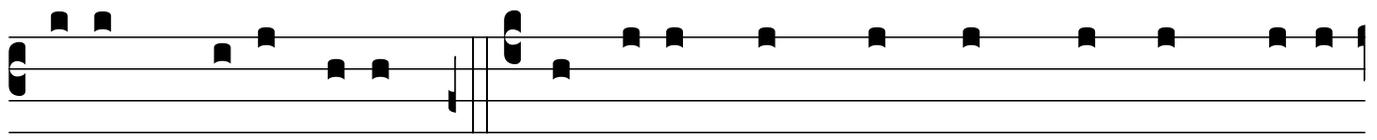
me o-ver to you is guilt-y of a great-er sin. C. From then on Pi-late tried to



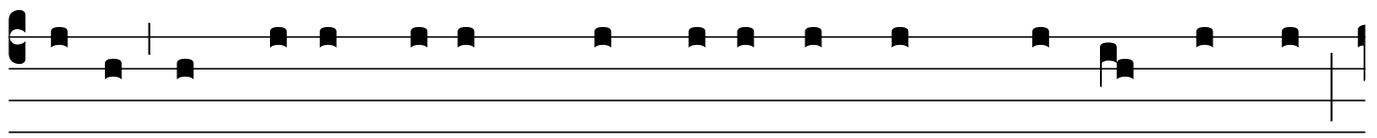
re-lease him, but the crowd cried out, S. If you re-lease this man, you are



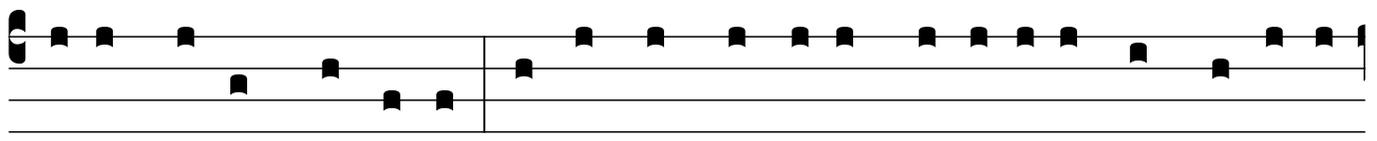
no friend of the emper-or. Every-one who claims to be a king sets himself



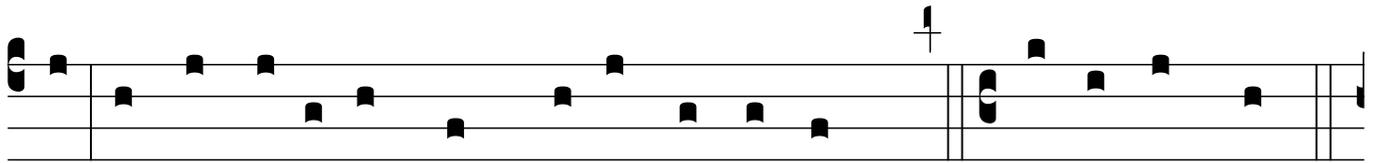
against the emper-or. C. When Pi-late heard these words, he brought Je-sus



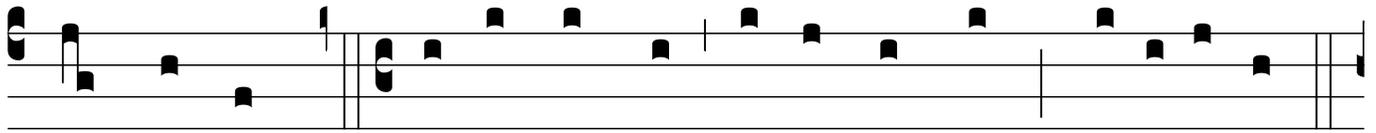
outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement,



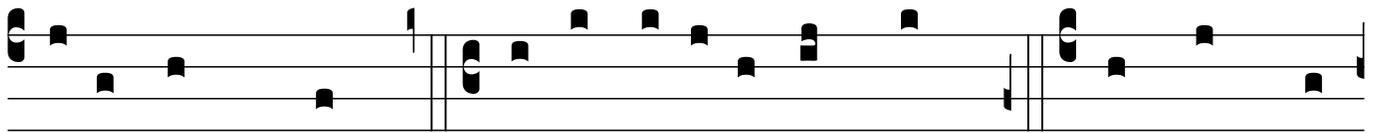
or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Prep-a-ration for the Passo-



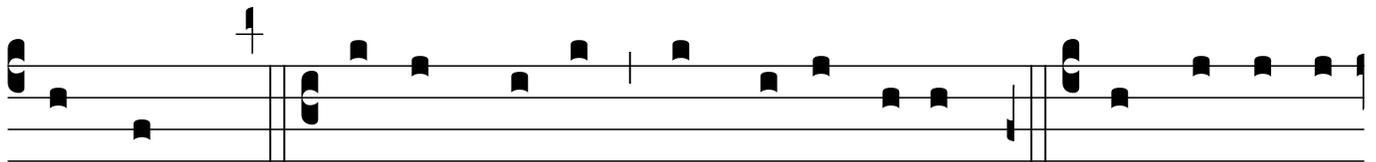
ver; and it was about noon. He said to the crowd, S. Here is your King! C.



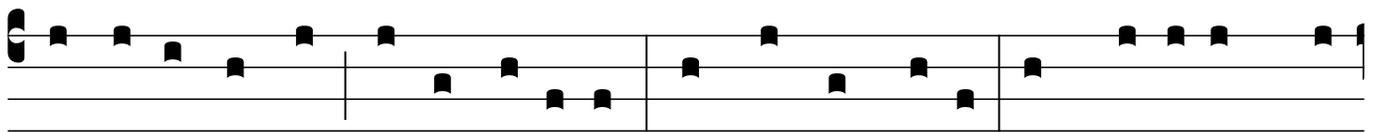
They cried out, S. Away with him! Away with him! Cru-ci-fy him! C.



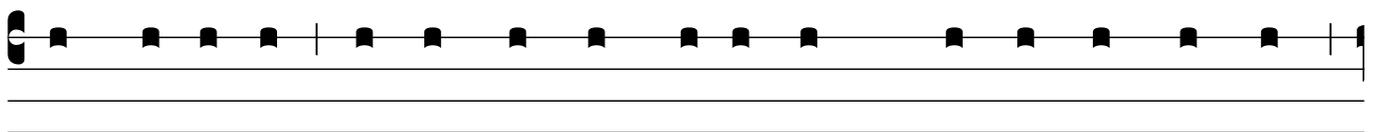
Pi-late asked them, S. Shall I cru-ci-fy your King? C. The chief priests



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

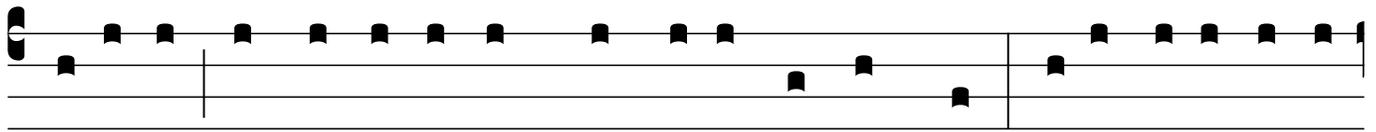


cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,

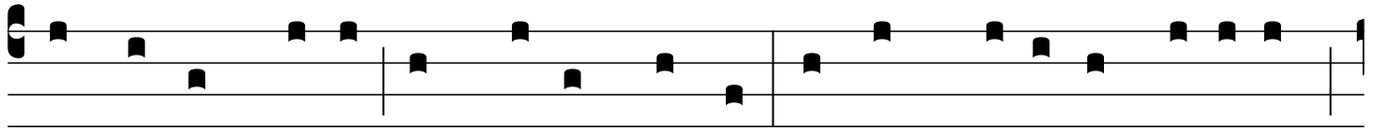
All stand.



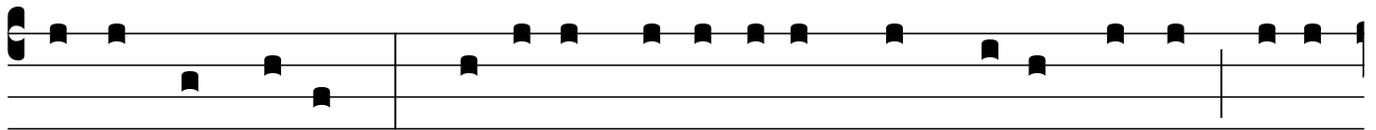
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they cru-ci-fied him, and with him



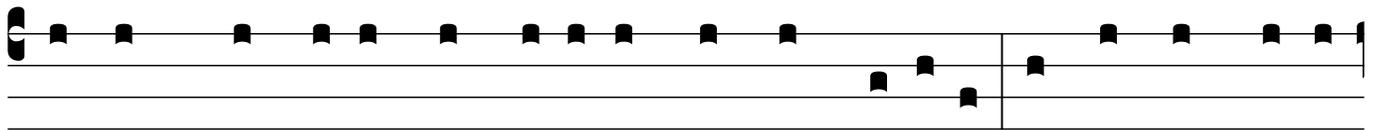
two others, one on either side, with Je-sus between them. Pi-late also had an



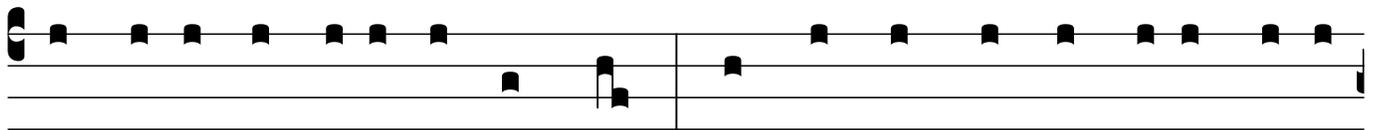
inscription writ-ten and put on the cross. It read, “Je-sus of Naz-a-reth,



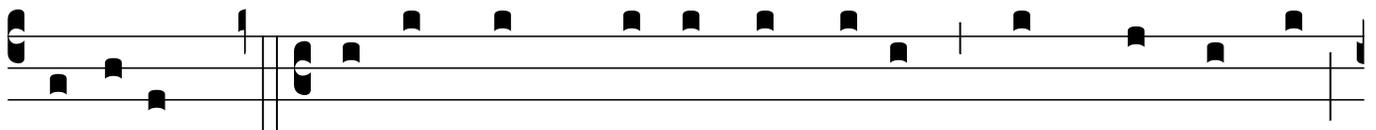
the King of the Jews.” Man-y of the Ju-de-ans read this inscription, because



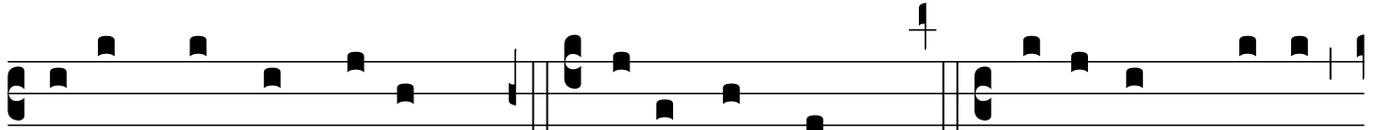
the place where Je-sus was cru-ci-fied was near the cit-y; and it was writ-ten



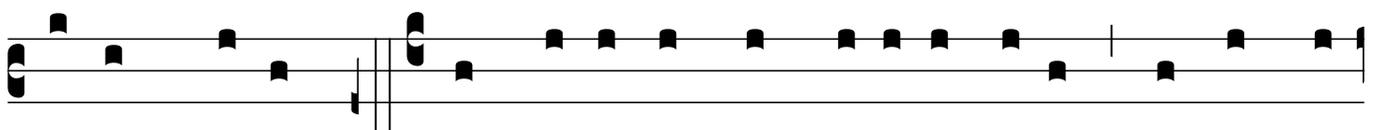
in Hebrew, in Lat-in, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the temple said



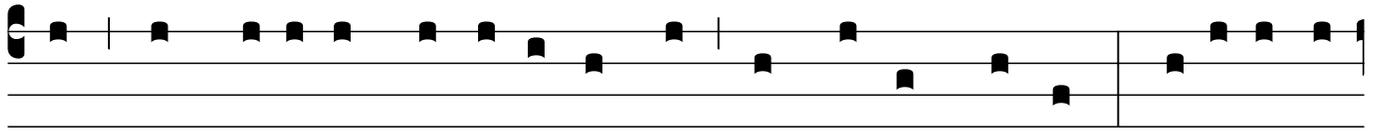
to Pi-late, S. Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said,



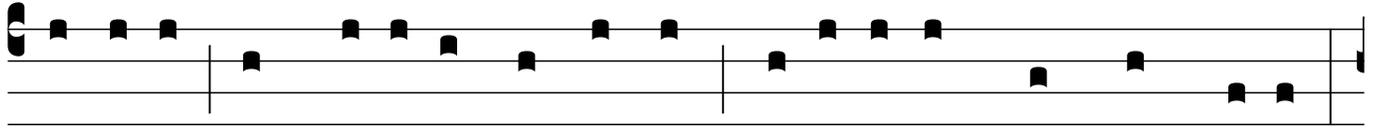
I am King of the Jews.’ C. Pi-late answered, S. What I have writ-ten



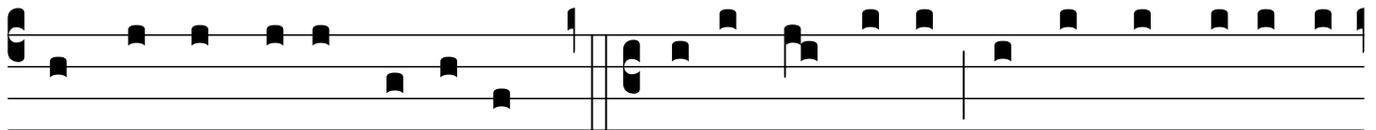
I have writ-ten. C. When the soldiers had cru-ci-fied Je-sus, they took his



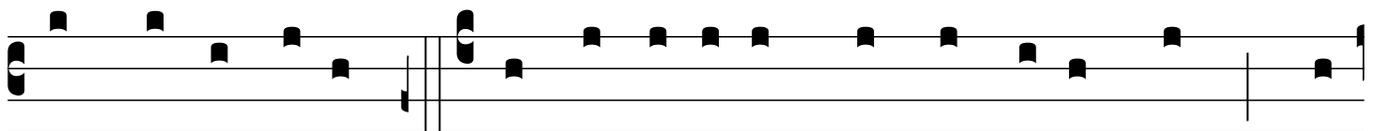
clothes and di-vid-ed them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took



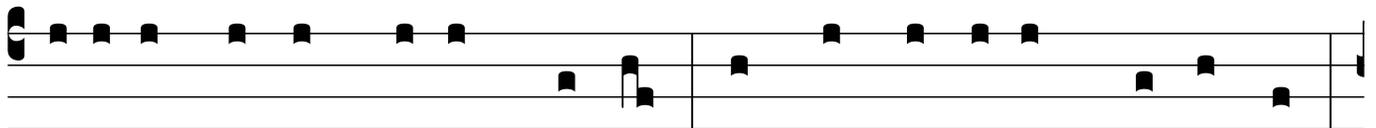
his tu-nic; now the tu-nic was seamless, wo-ven in one piece from the top.



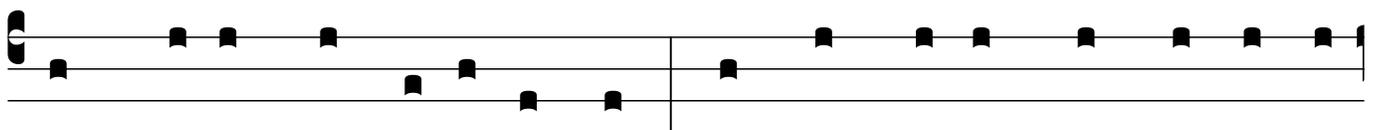
So they said to one an-oth-er, S. Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to



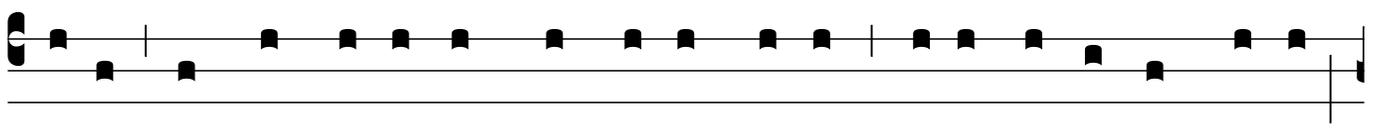
see who will get it. C. This was to ful-fill what the scripture says, "They



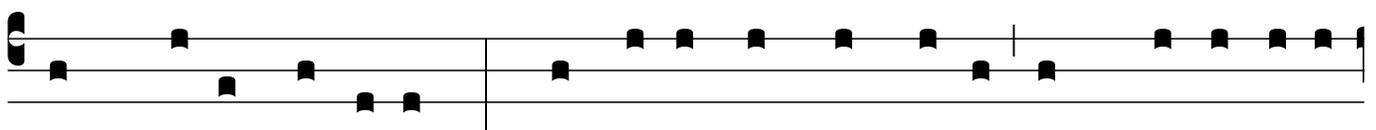
di-vid-ed my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."



And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of



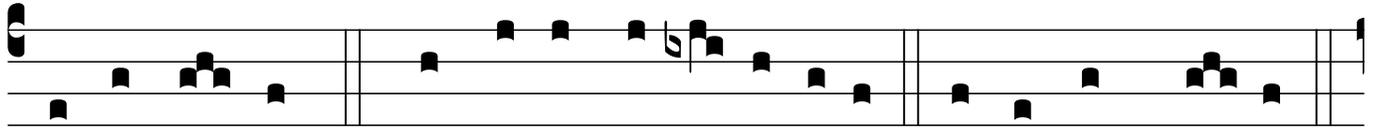
Je-sus were his mother, and his mother's sis-ter, Mar-y the wife of Clo-pas,



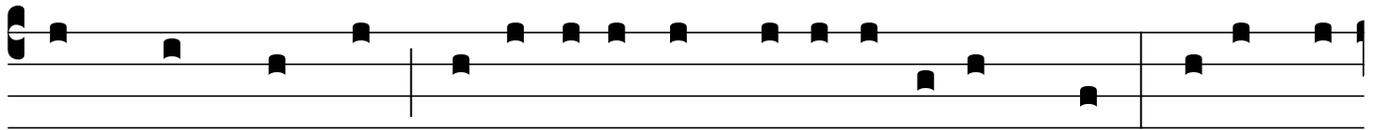
and Mar-y Magda-lene. When Je-sus saw his mother and the dis-ciple



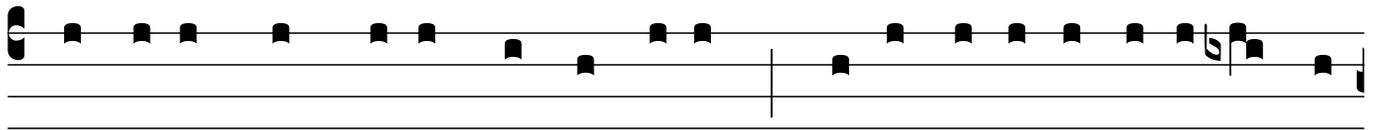
whom he loved standing be-side her, he said to his mother, † Wom- an,



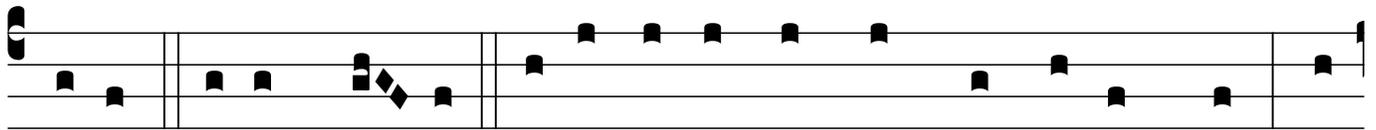
here is your son. C. Then he said to the di-sciple, † Here is your mo- ther. C.



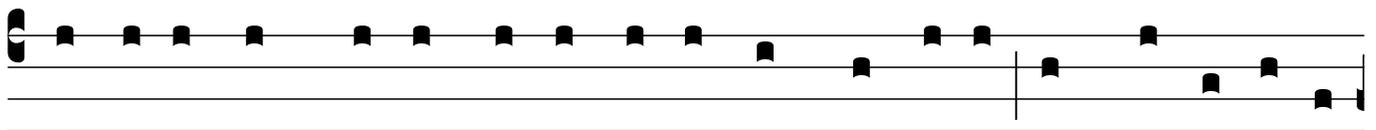
And from that hour the dis-ciple took her into his own home. After this,



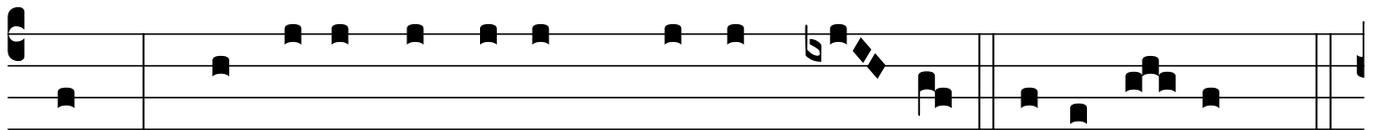
when Je-sus knew that all was now fin-ished, he said, in order to ful-fill the



scripture, † I am thirst- y. C. A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So

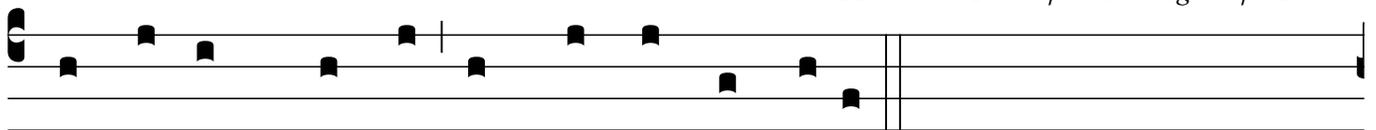


they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his

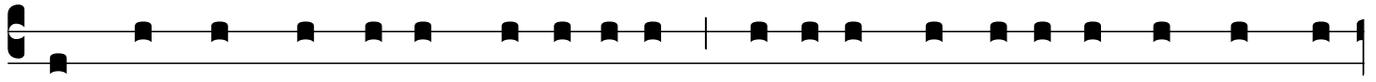


mouth. When Je-sus had re-ceived the wine, he said, † It is fin- ished. C.

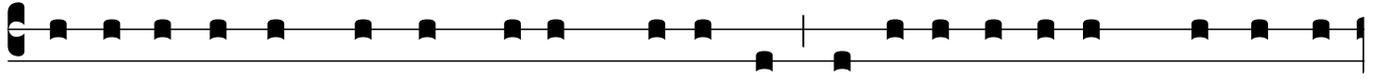
All kneel. Pause for the length of a Pater and an Ave.



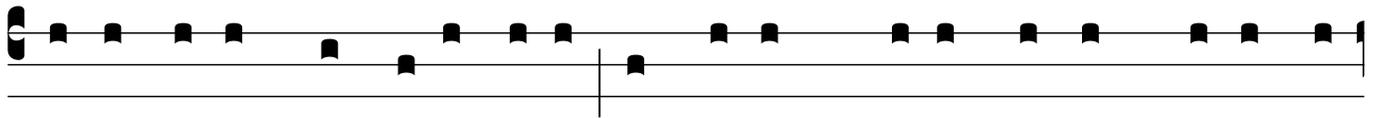
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spir- it.



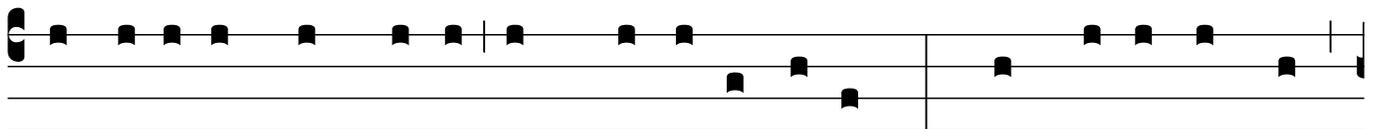
Since it was the day of Prep-a-ration, the Jewish author-i-ties did not want



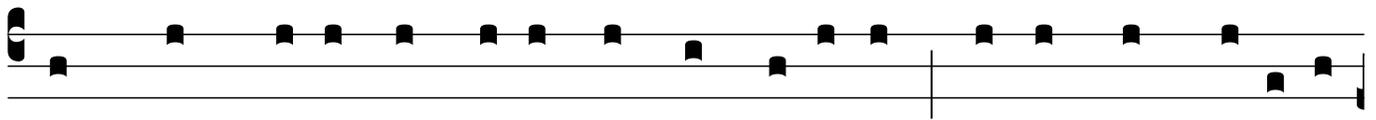
the bodies left on the cross dur-ing the sabbath, especial-ly because that sabbath



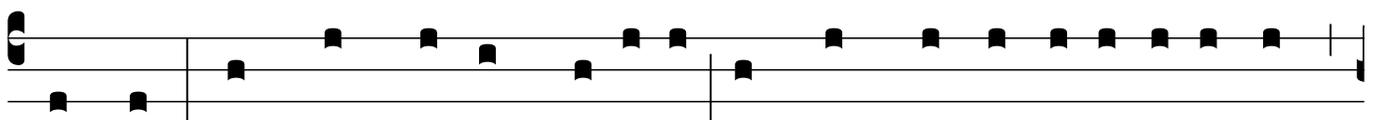
was a day of great so-lemni-ty. So they asked Pi-late to have the legs of



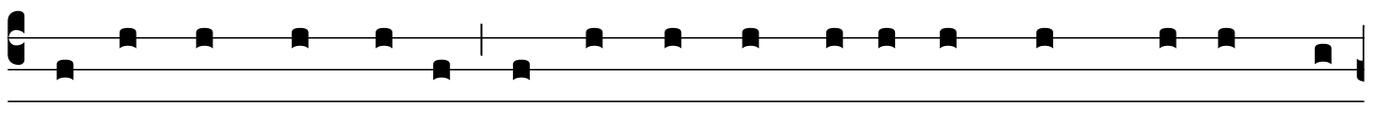
the cru-ci-fied men bro-ken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came



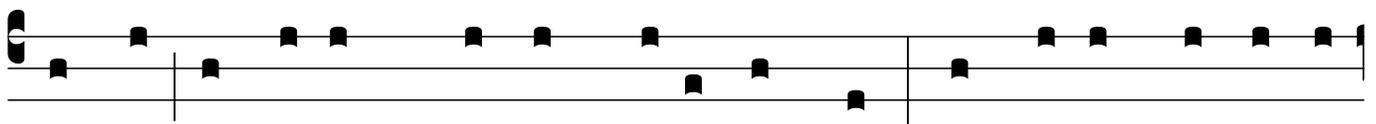
and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been cru-ci-fied



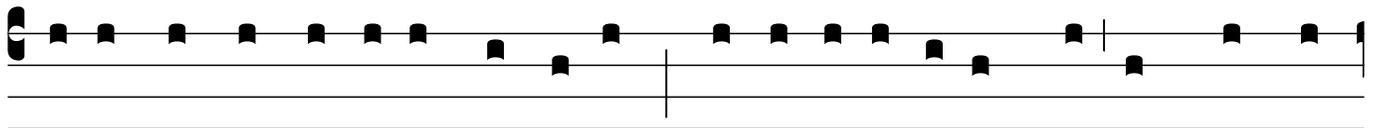
with him. But when they came to Je-sus and saw that he was already dead,



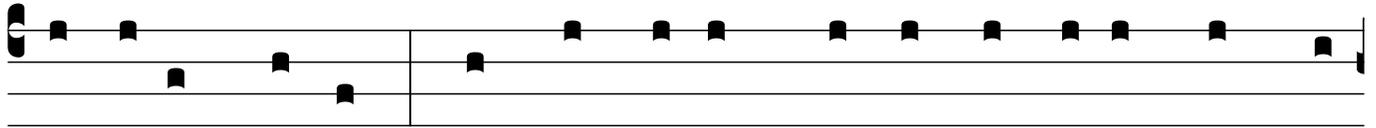
they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with



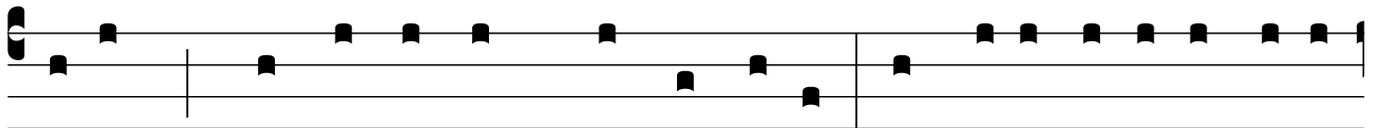
a spear, and at once blood and wa-ter came out. He who saw this has tes-



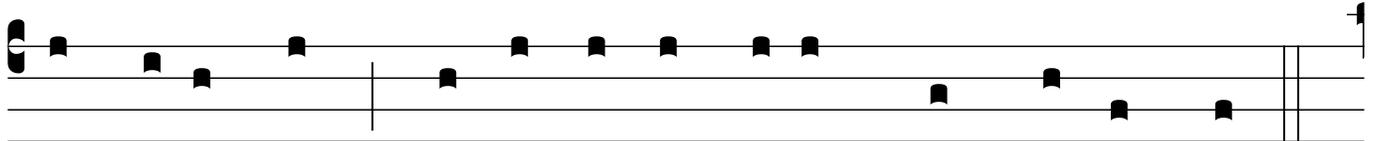
ti-fied so that you also may be-lieve. His tes-timo-ny is true, and he knows



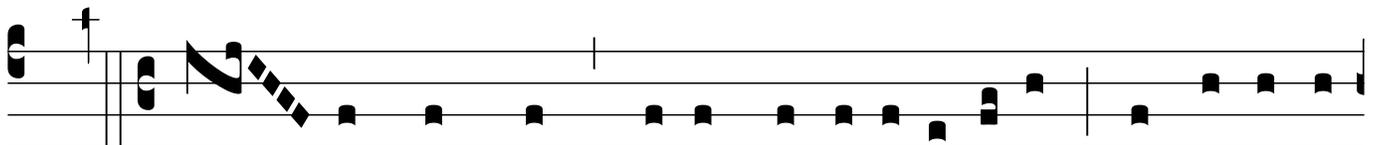
that he tells the truth. These things occurred so that the scripture might be



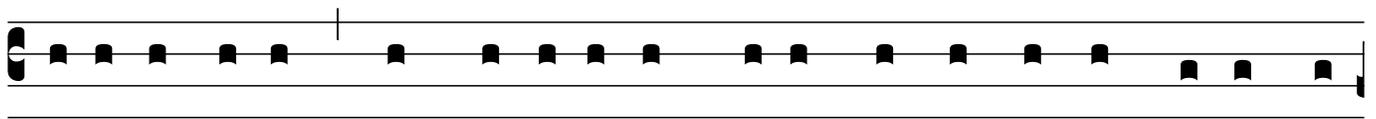
ful-filled, "None of his bones shall be bro-ken." And again an-other passage



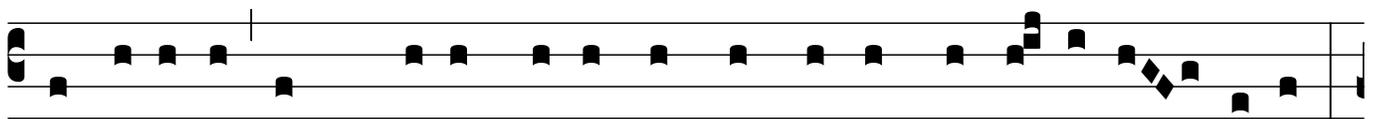
of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."



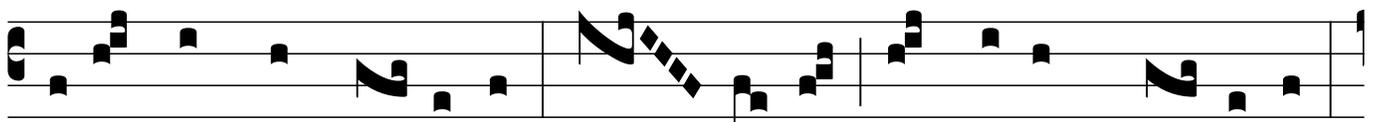
Af- ter these things, Jo-seph of Ar-imathe- a, who was a dis-



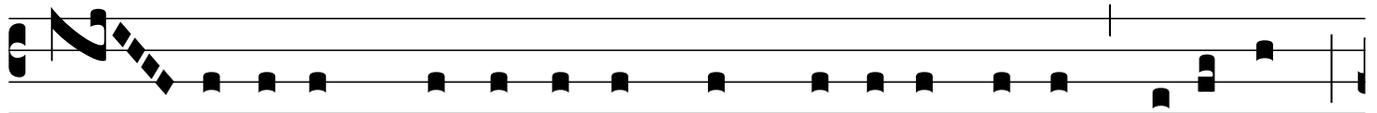
ciple of Je-sus, though a secret one because of his fear of the temple



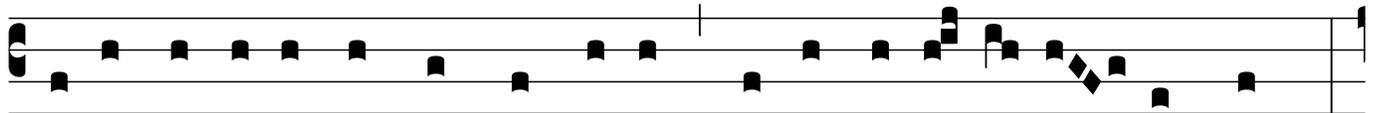
author-i-ties, asked Pi-late to let him take away the bod-y of Je-sus.



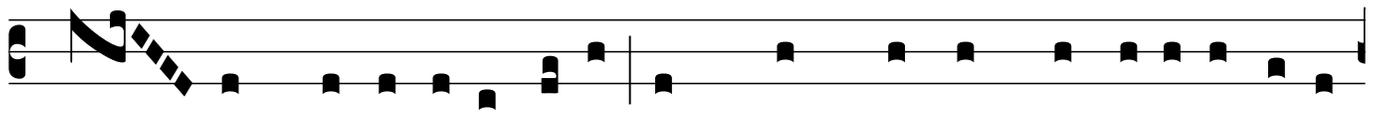
Pi-late gave him per-mission; so he came and removed his bod-y.



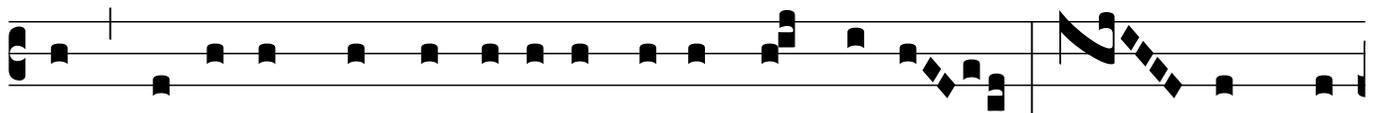
Nic- o-demus, who had at first come to Je-sus by night, also came,



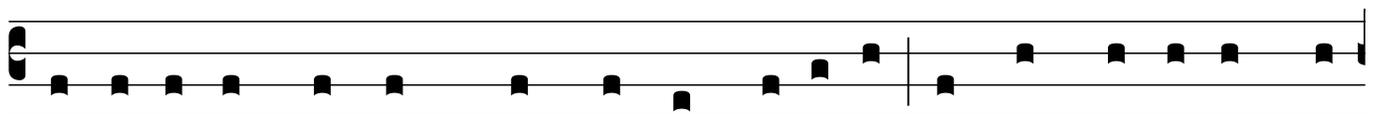
bringing a mixture of myrrh and al-oes, weighing about a hun- dred pounds.



They took the bod-y of Je-sus and wrapped it with the spic-es in lin-en



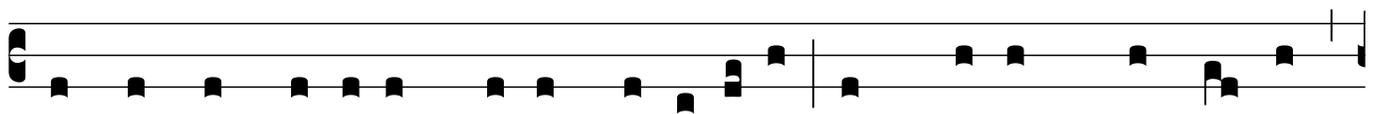
cloths, according to the bur-i- al custom of the Jews. Now there was



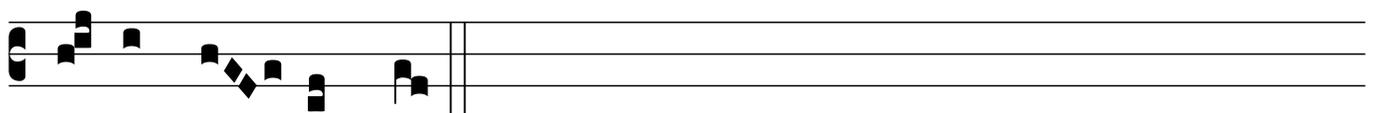
a garden in the place where he was cru-ci-fied, and in the garden there



was a new tomb in which no one had ev-er been laid. And so, be-



cause it was the Jewish day of Prep-a-ration, and the tomb was nearby,



they laid Je- sus there.