

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Luke*

Luke 22:14–23:56

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**Abbreviation Key**

Chronista - C.

Synagoga - S. (includes the Turba parts, all are labeled as S.)

Christus - ✠

**T**he passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke. When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table

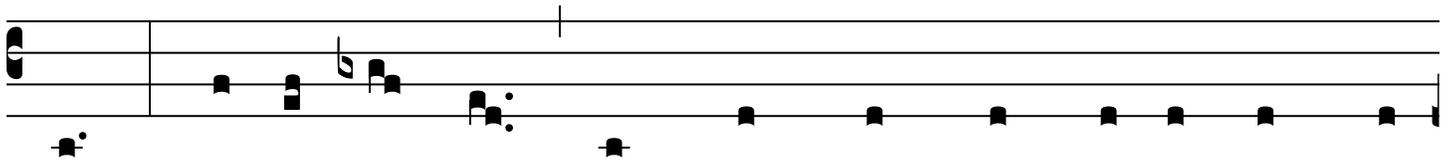
with the apostles. He said to them, + "I have eagerly de-

sired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I

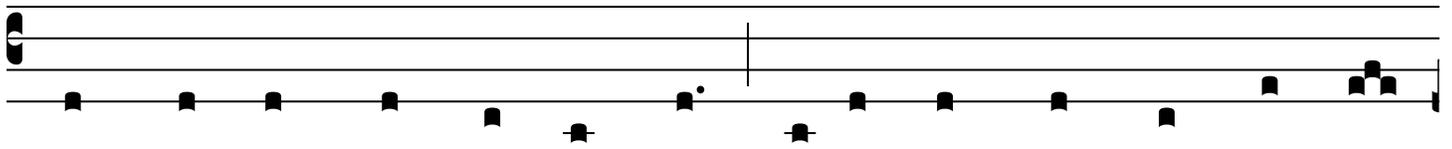
tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment

in the kingdom of God." C. Then he took a cup, gave

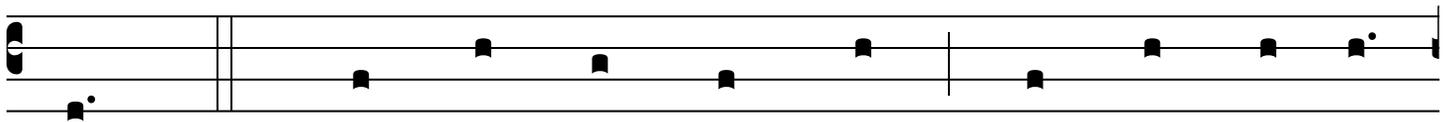
thanks, and said, + "Take this and share it among your-



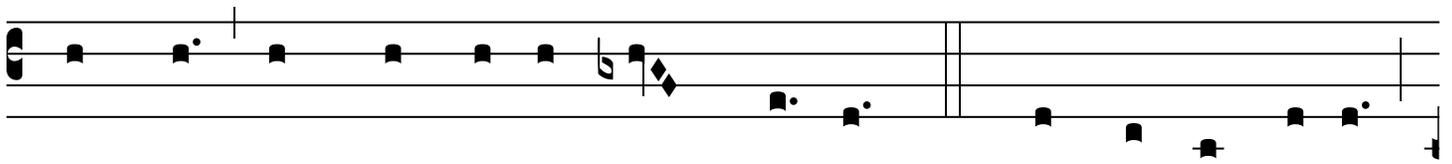
selves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not



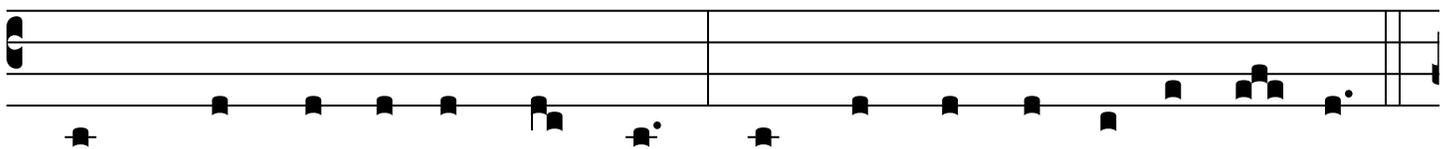
drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God



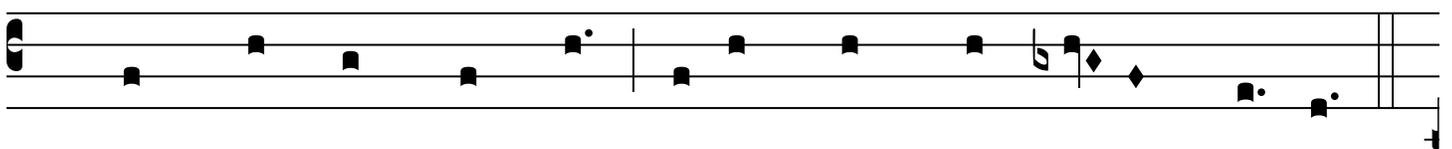
comes." C. Then he took the bread, said the blessing,



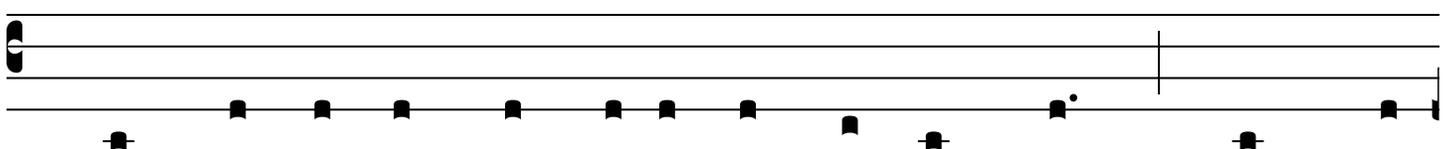
broke it, and gave it to them, saying, + "This is my body,



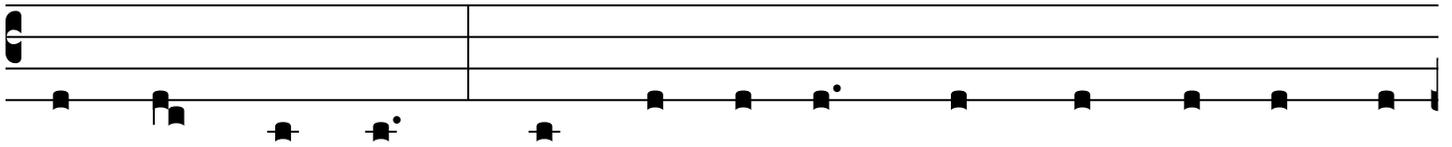
which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."



C. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,



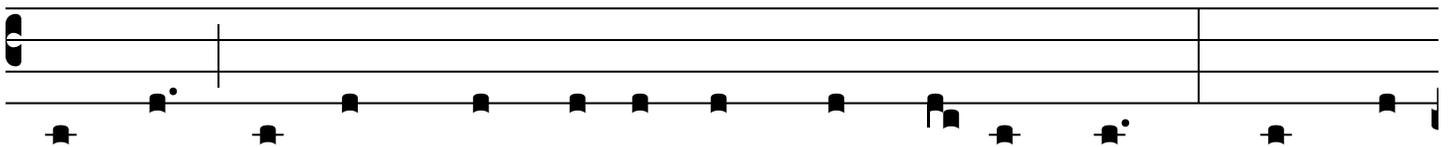
+ "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will



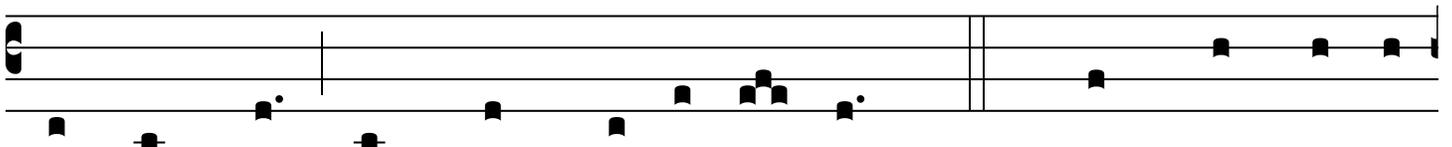
be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one



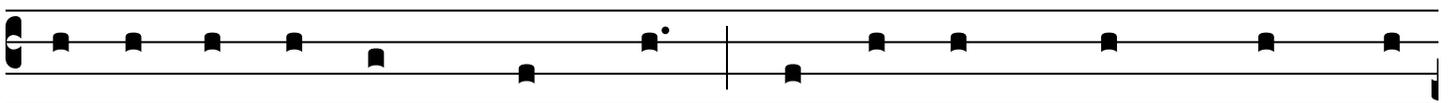
who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son



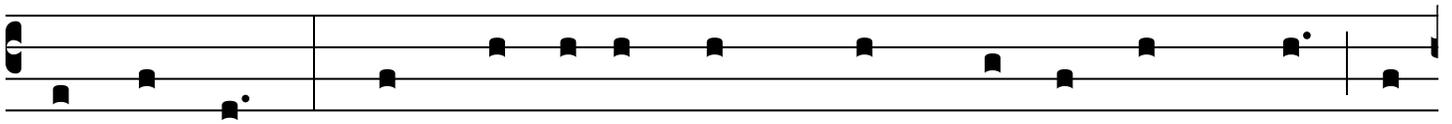
of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe



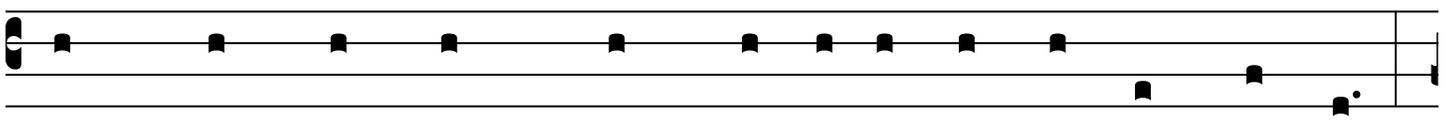
to that man by whom he is betrayed." C. And they began



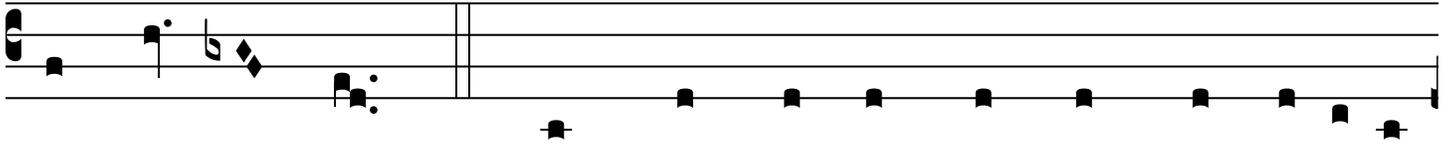
to debate among themselves who among them would do



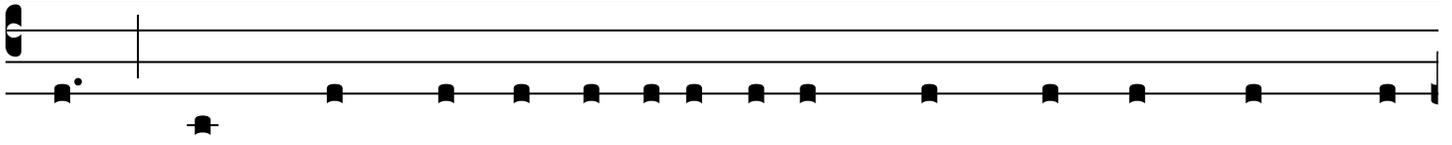
such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them a-



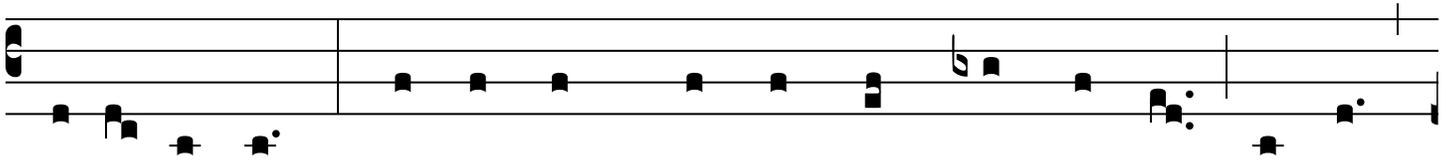
bout which of them should be regarded as the greatest.



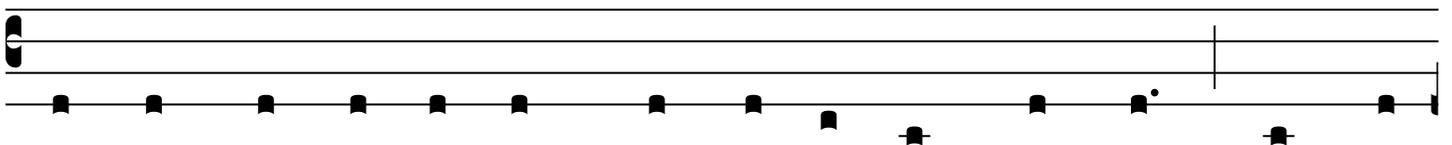
He said to them, + "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over



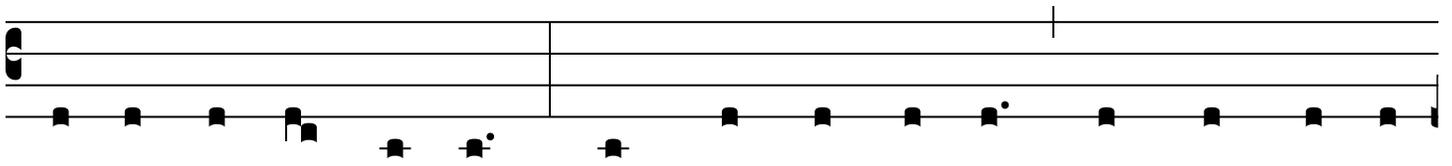
them and those in authority over them are addressed as



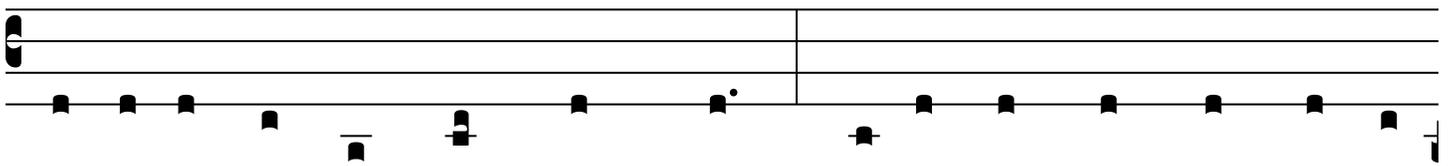
'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather,



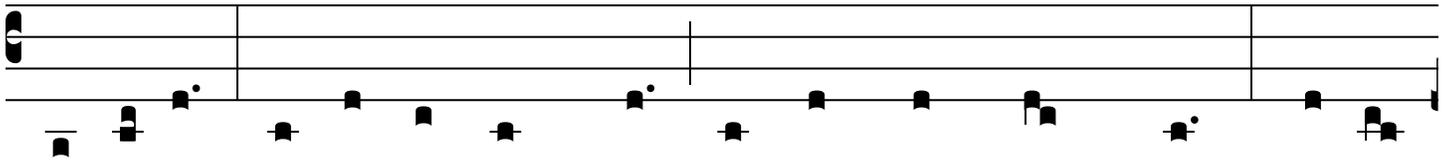
let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the



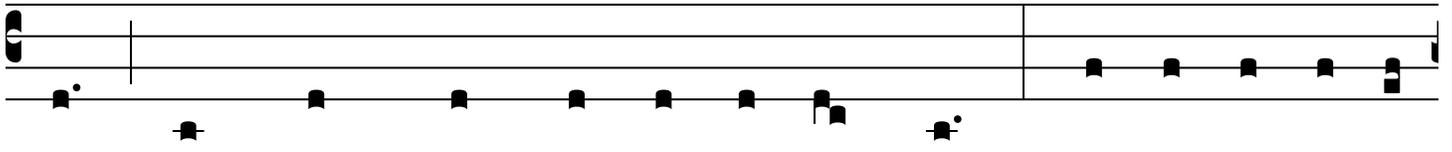
leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated



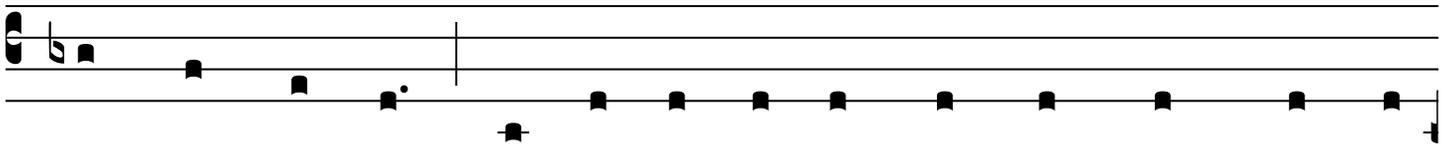
at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated



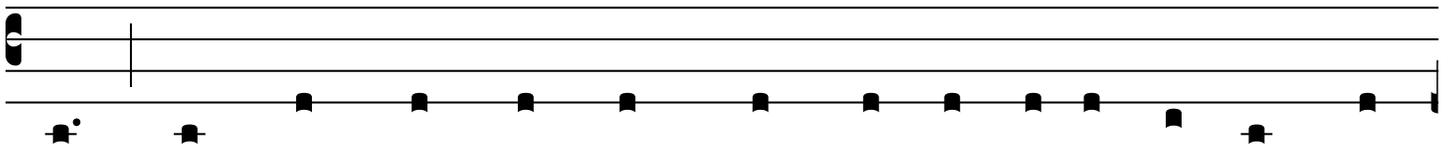
at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is



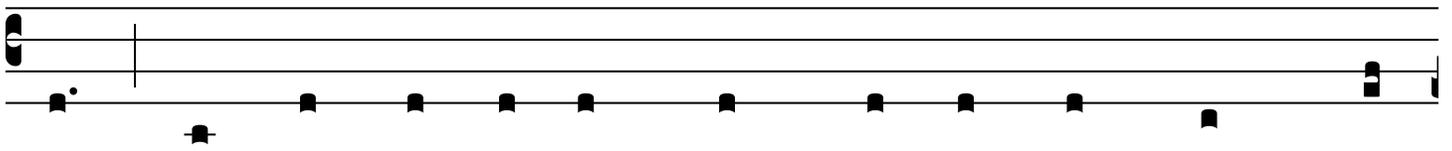
you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a



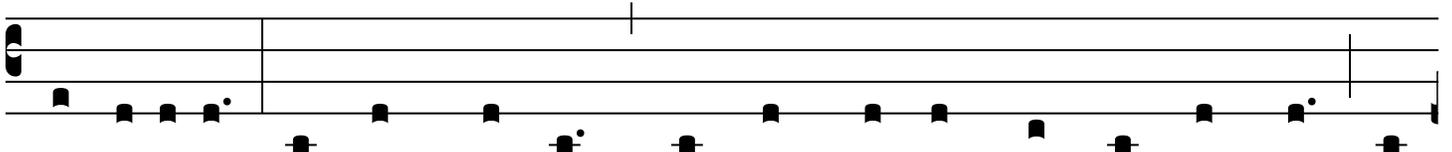
kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on



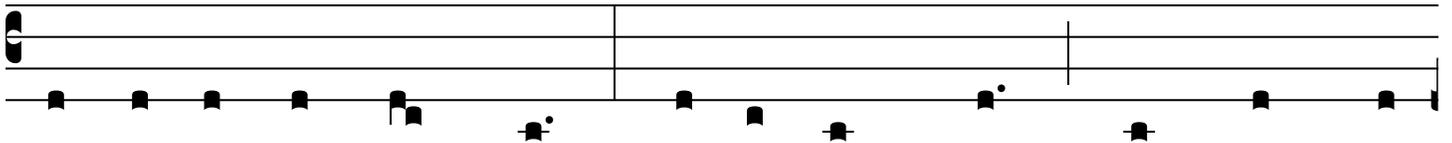
me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my king-



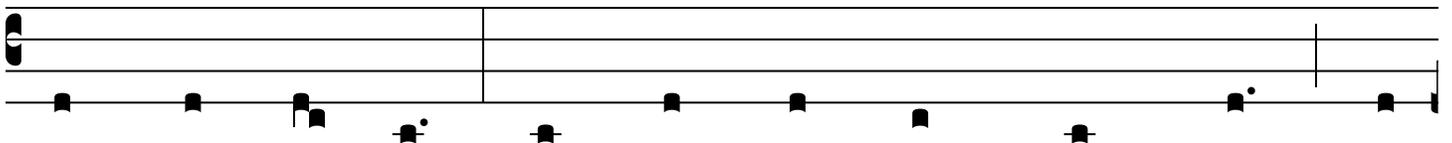
dom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes



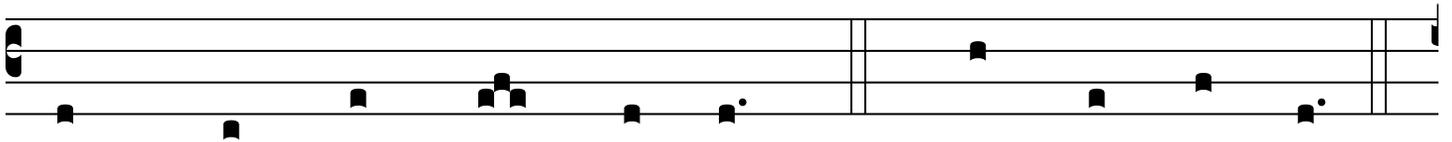
of Israel. Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to



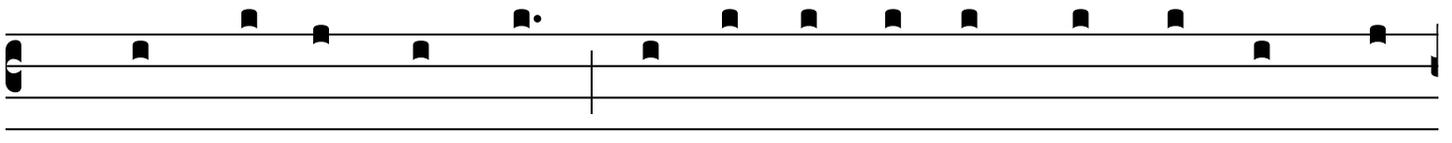
sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own



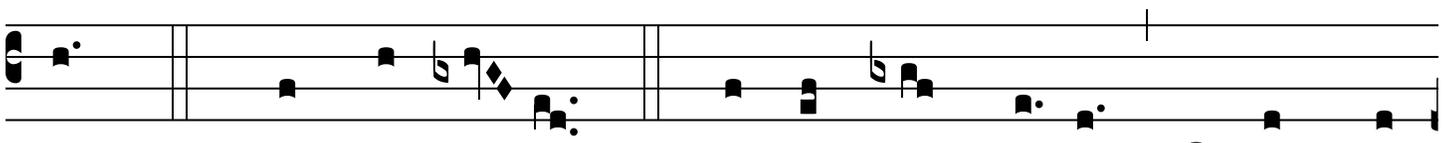
faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you



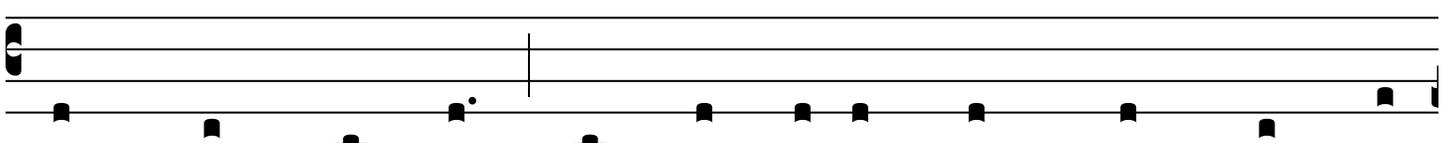
must strengthen your brothers." C. He said to him,



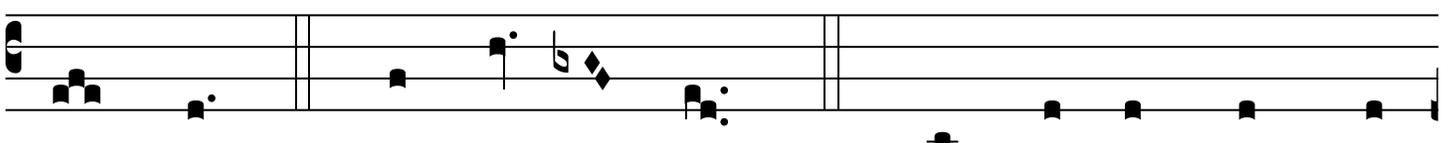
S. "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with



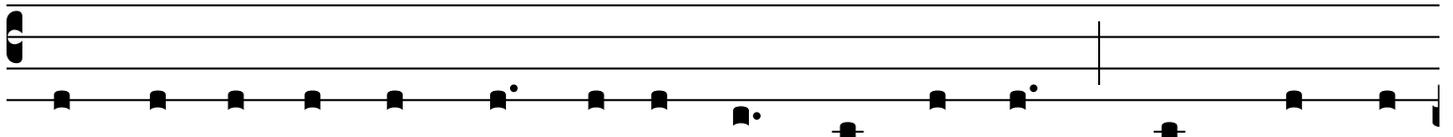
you." C. But he replied, + "I tell you, Peter, before the



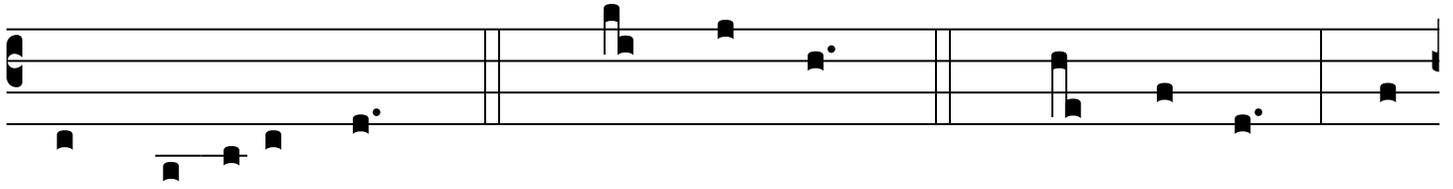
cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you



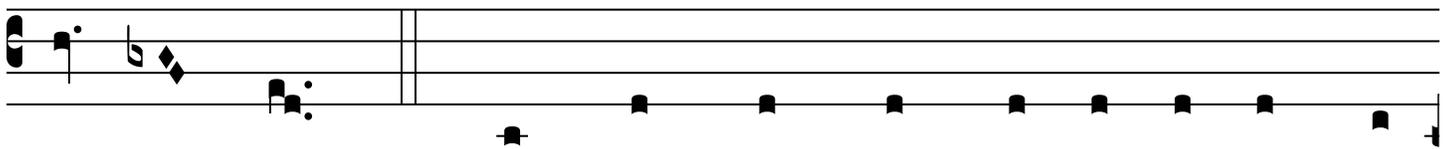
know me." C. He said to them, + "When I sent you forth



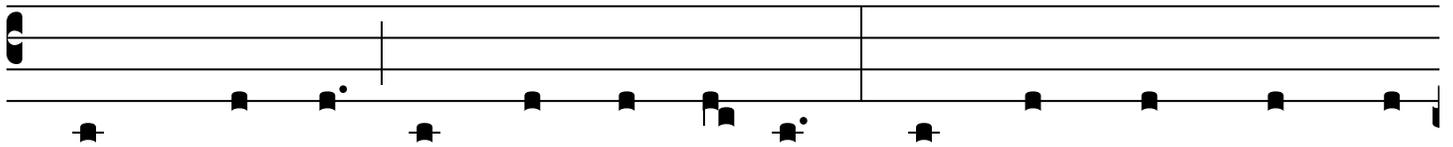
without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in



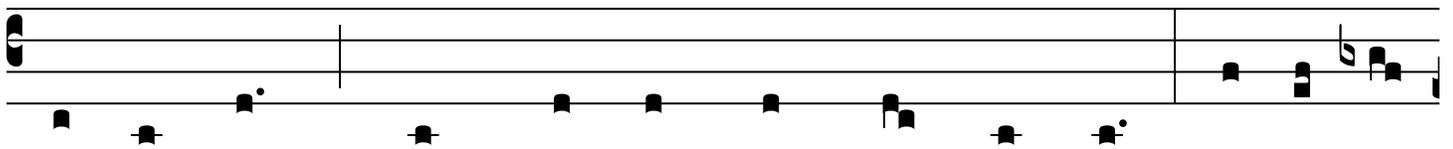
need of anything?" S. "No, nothing," C. they replied. He



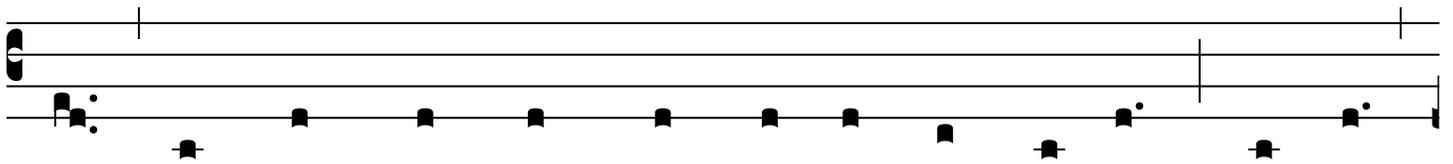
said to them, + "But now one who has a money bag



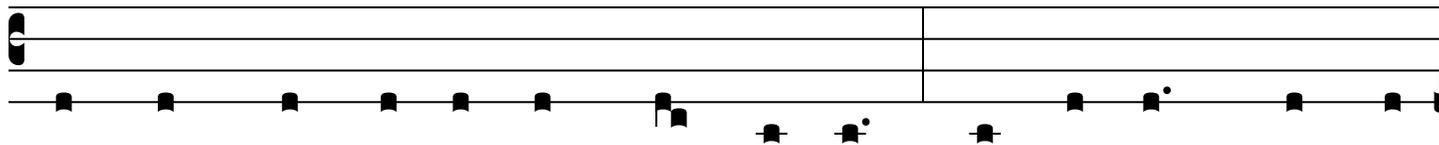
should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not



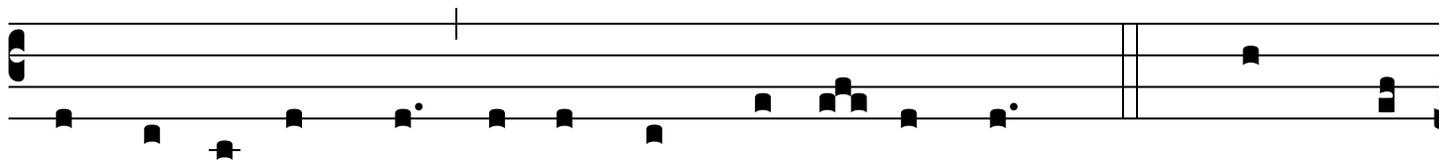
have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell



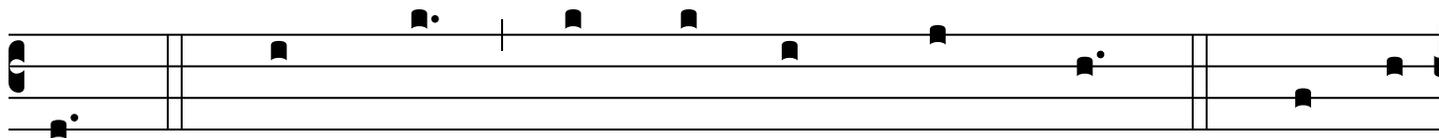
you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely,



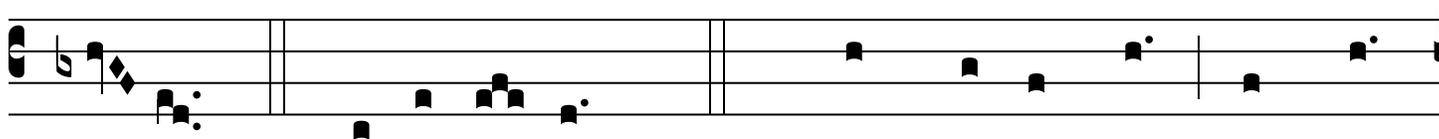
He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is



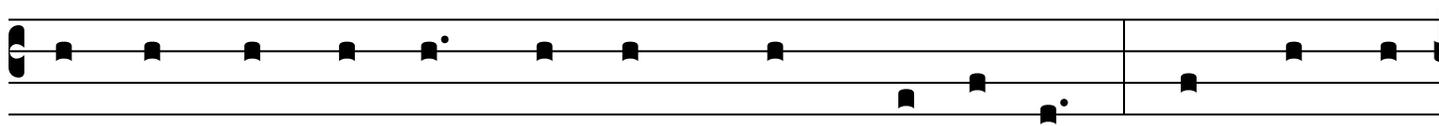
written about me is coming to fulfillment." C. Then they



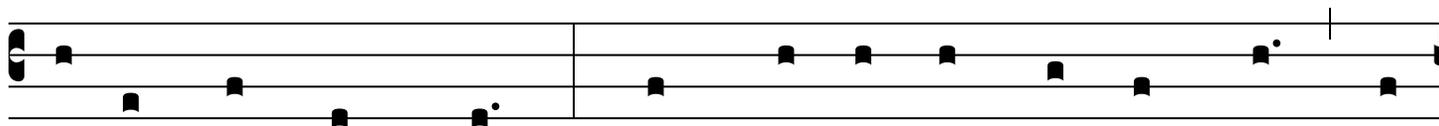
said, S. "Lord, look, there are two swords here." C. But he



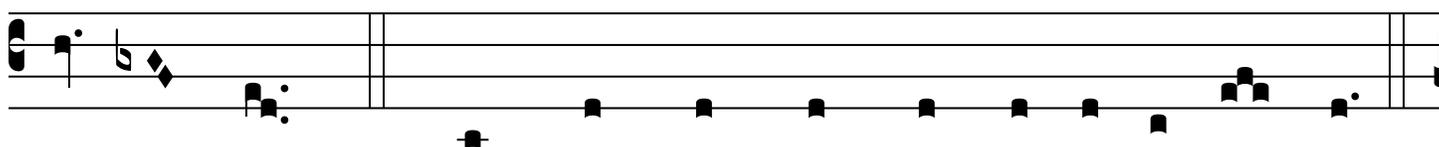
replied, + "It is enough!" C. Then going out, he went,



as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the dis-



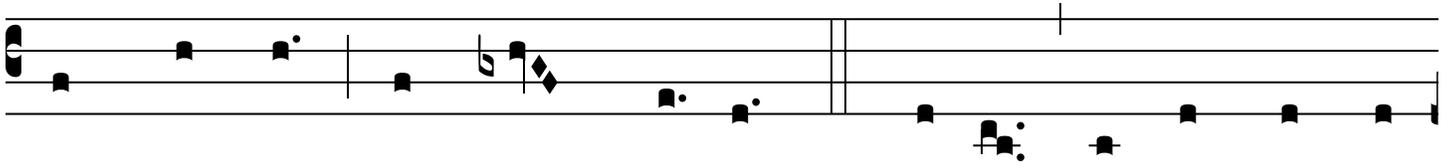
ciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he



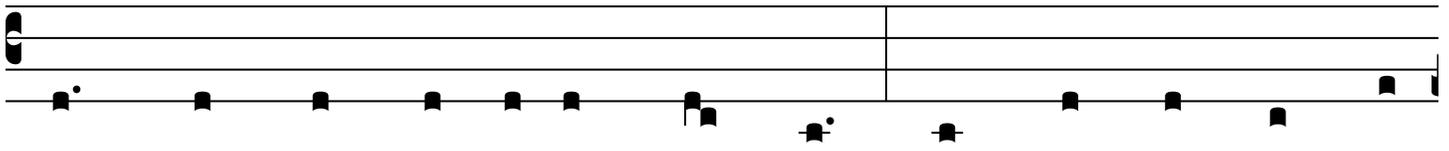
said to them, + "Pray that you may not undergo the test."



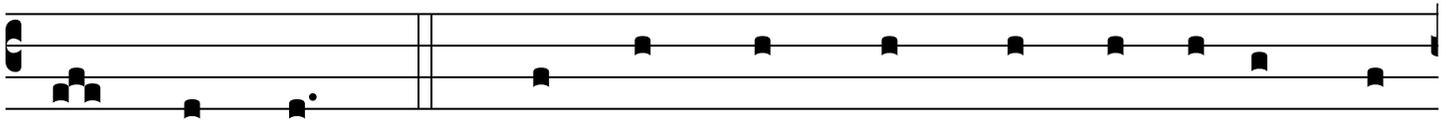
C. After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them



and kneeling, he prayed, saying, + "Father, if you are wil-



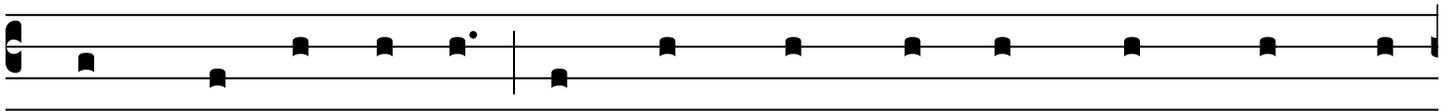
ling, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but



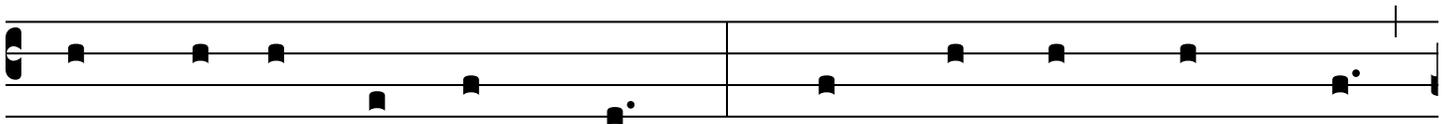
yours be done." C. And to strengthen him an angel from



heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he



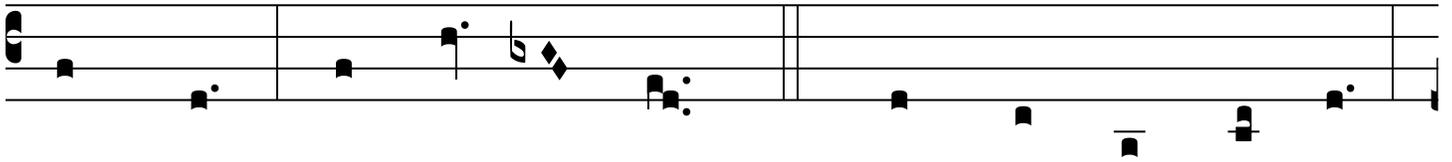
prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of



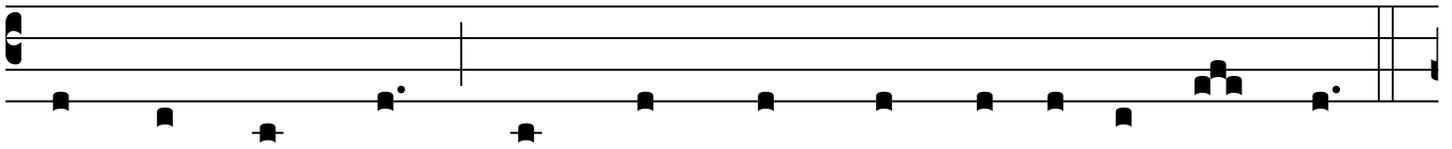
blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer



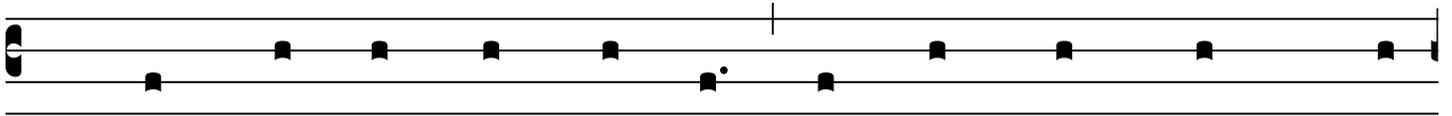
and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping



from grief. He said to them, + "Why are you sleeping?"



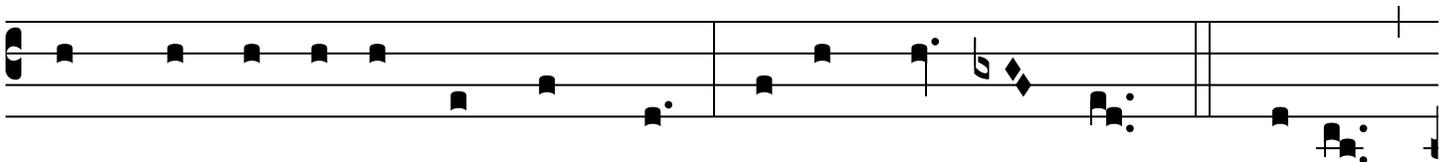
Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."



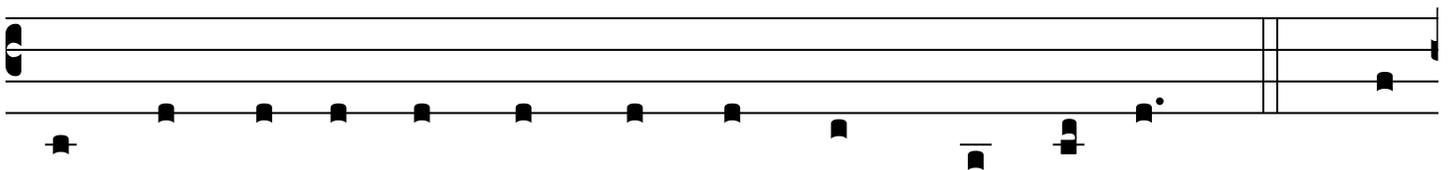
C. While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and



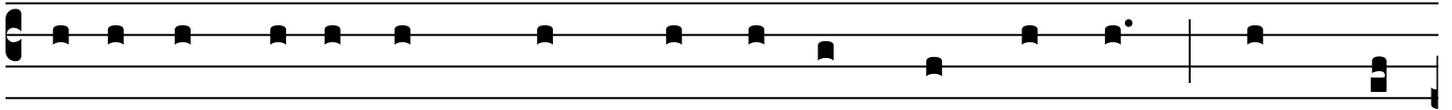
in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He



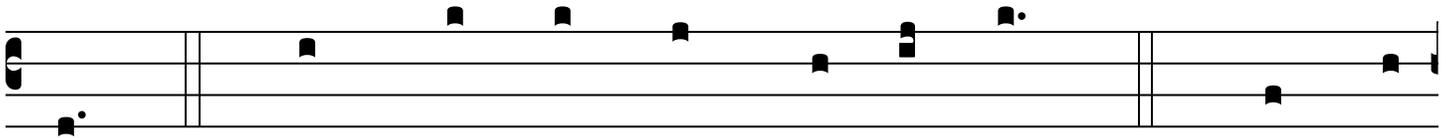
went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, + "Judas,



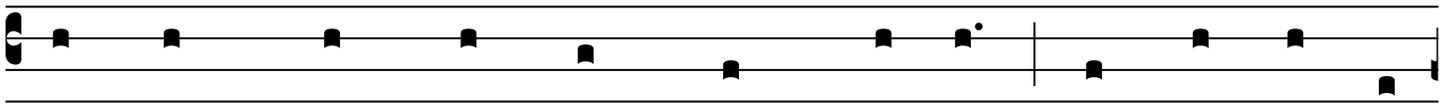
are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" C. His



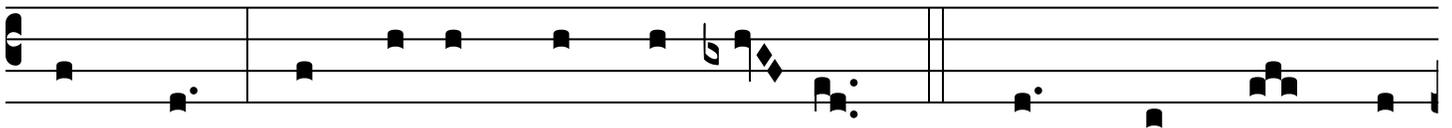
disciples re-alized what was about to happen, and they



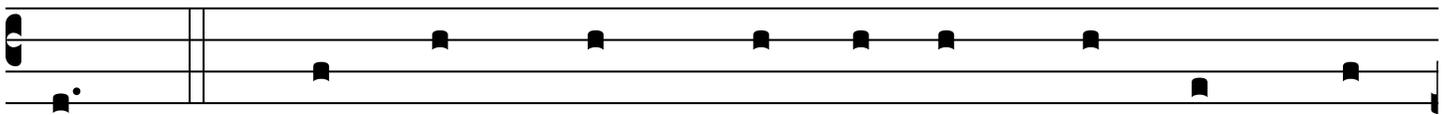
asked, S. "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" C. And one



of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his



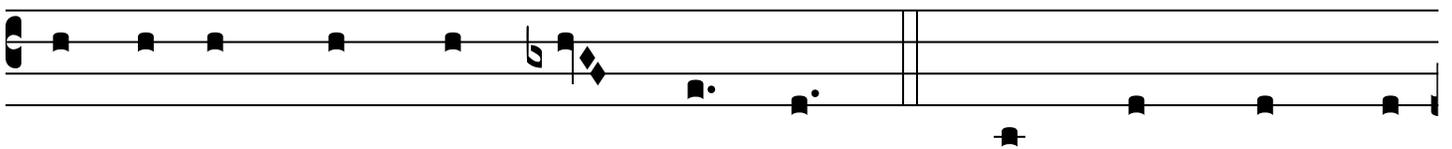
right ear. But Jesus said in re- ply, + "Stop, no more of



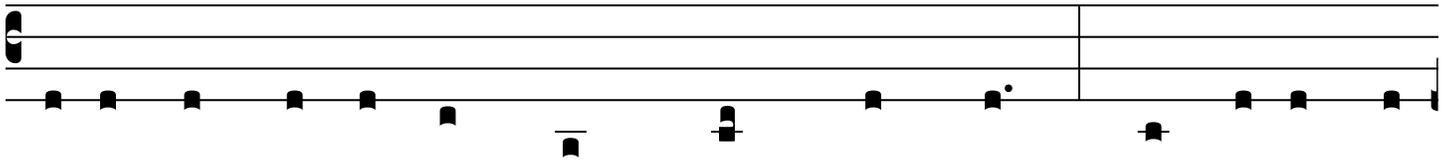
this!" C. Then he touched the servant's ear and healed



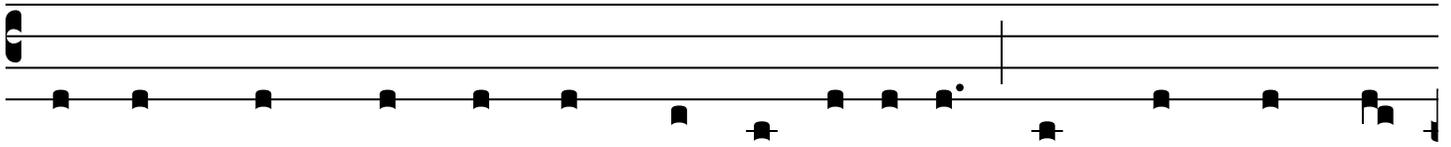
him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards



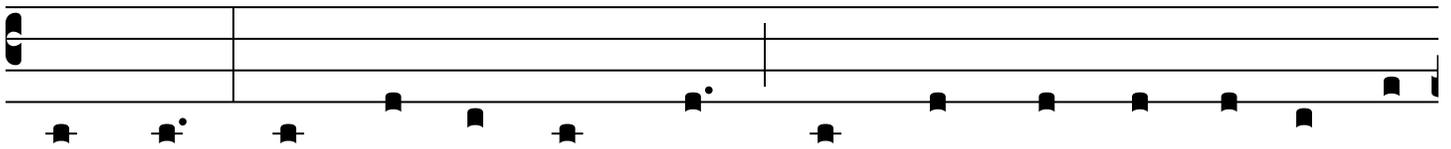
and elders who had come for him, + "Have you come out



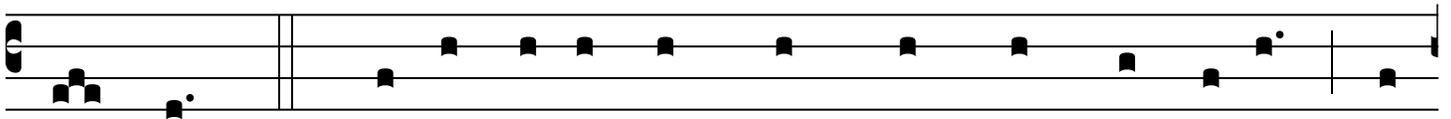
as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day



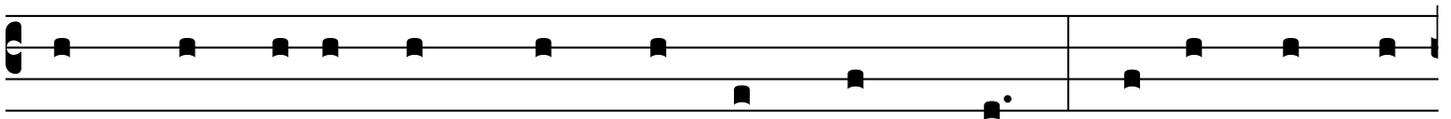
I was with you in the temple a-re-a, and you did not



seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of



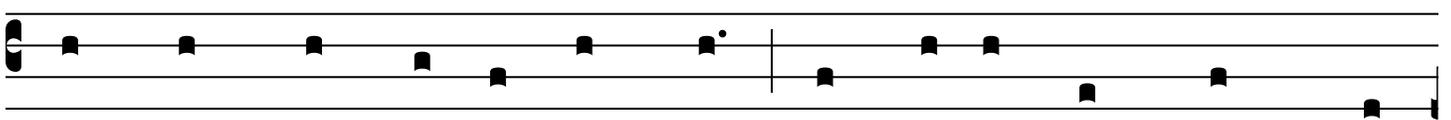
darkness." C. After arresting him they led him away and



took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was fol-



lowing at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the



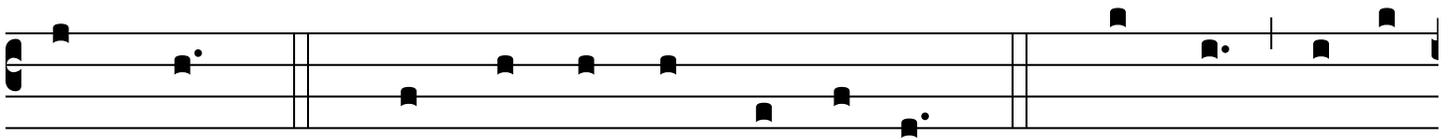
courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with



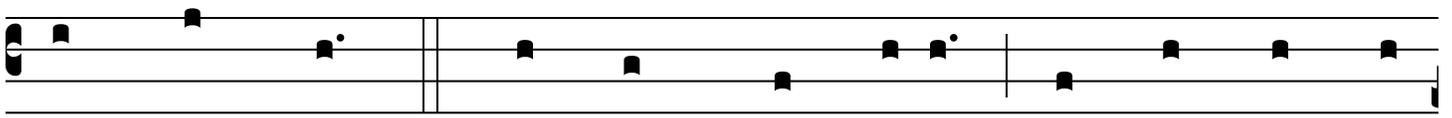
them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she



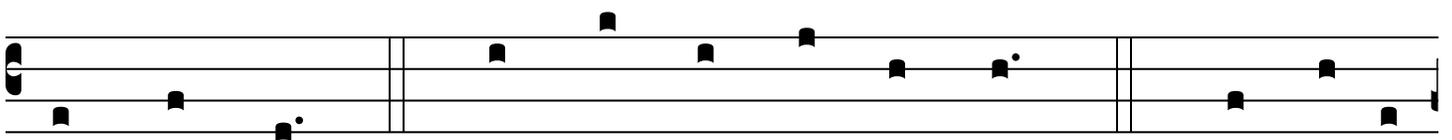
looked intently at him and said, S. "This man too was



with him." C. But he denied it saying, S. "Woman, I do



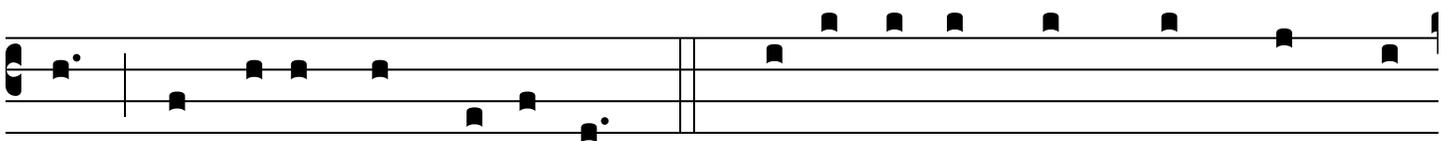
not know him." C. A short while later someone else saw



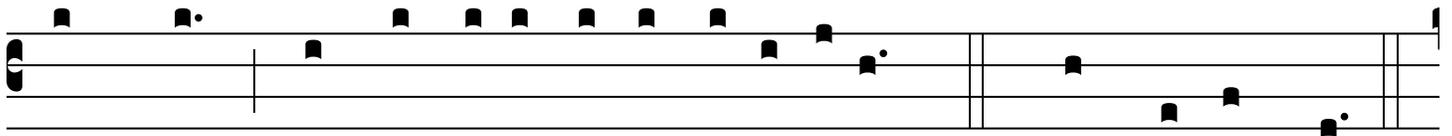
him and said, S. "You too are one of them"; C. but Peter



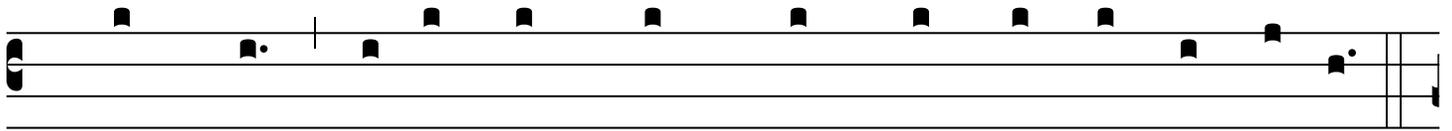
answered, S. "My friend, I am not." C. About an hour la-



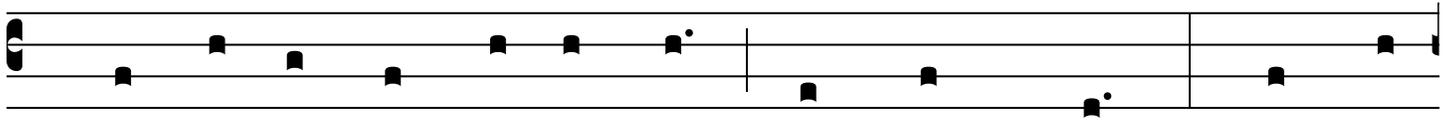
ter, still another insisted, S. "Assuredly, this man too was



with him, for he also is a Gali-lean." C. But Peter said,



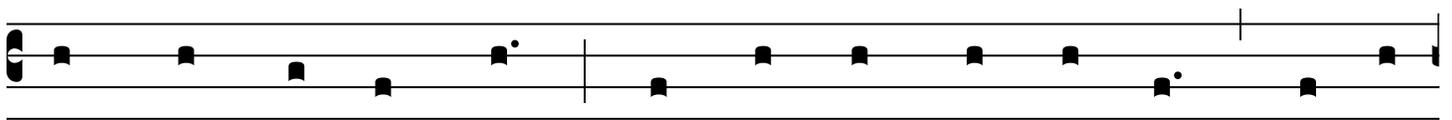
S. "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."



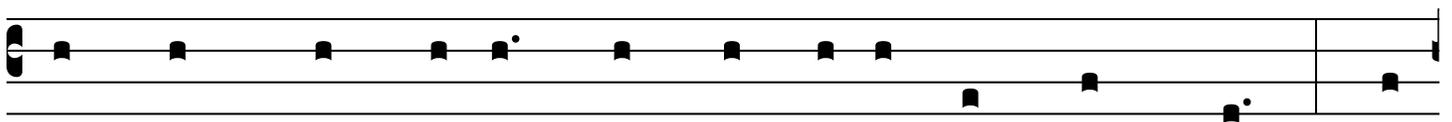
C. Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the



Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered



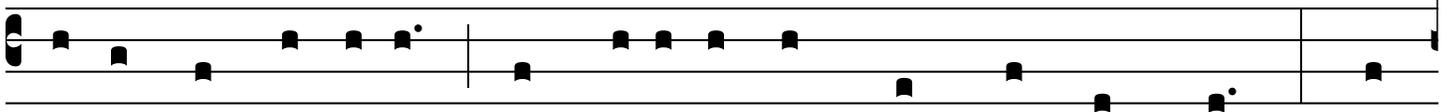
the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before



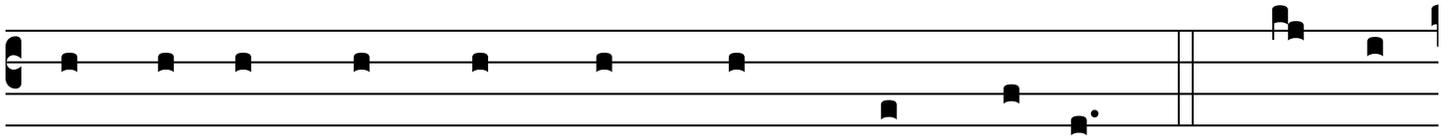
the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He



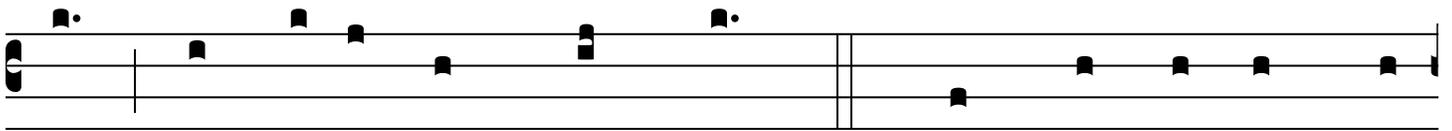
went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held



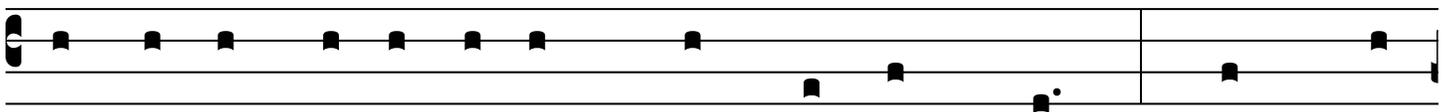
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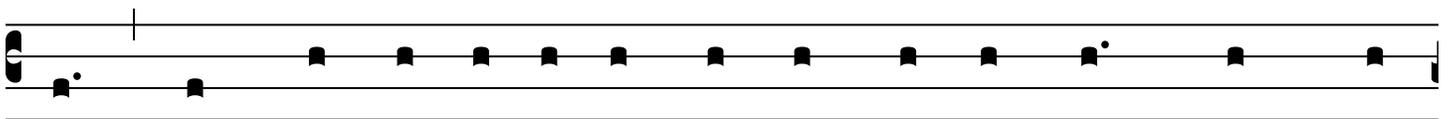
blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, S. "Prophe-



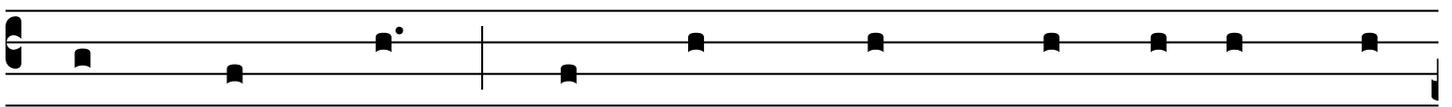
sy! Who is it that struck you?" C. And they reviled him



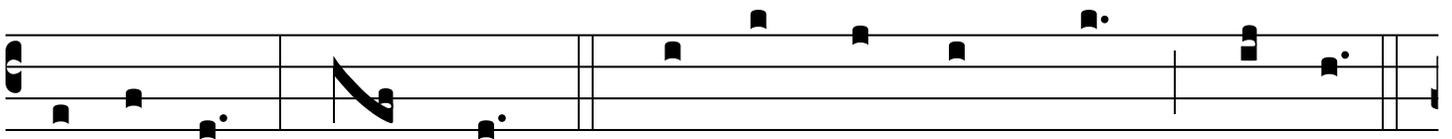
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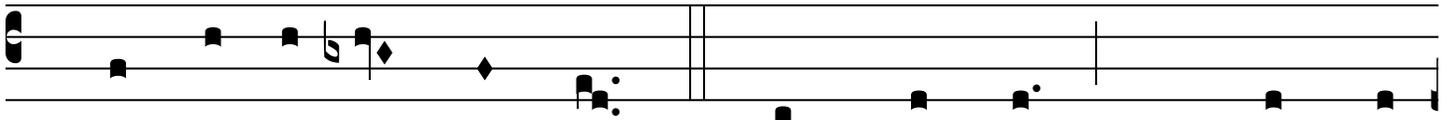
came the council of elders of the people met, both chief



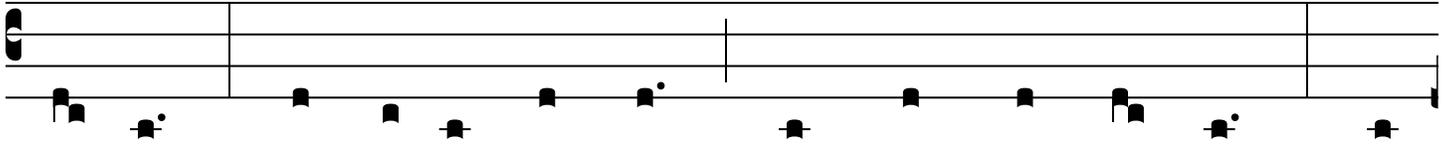
priests and scribes, and they brought him before their



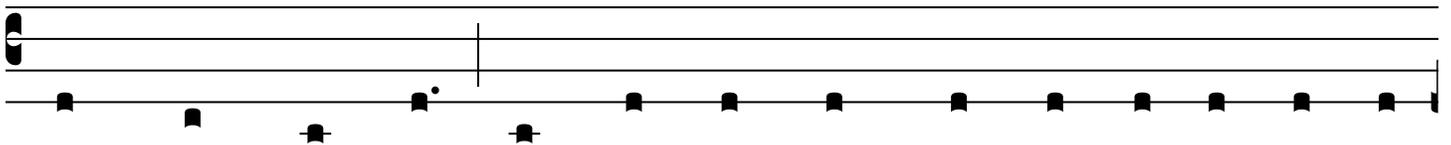
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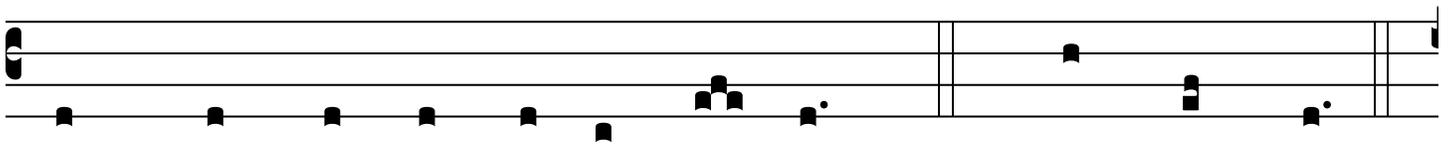
C. but he replied to them, + "If I tell you, you will not



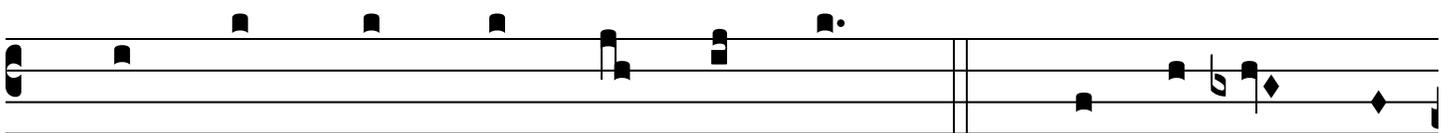
believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But



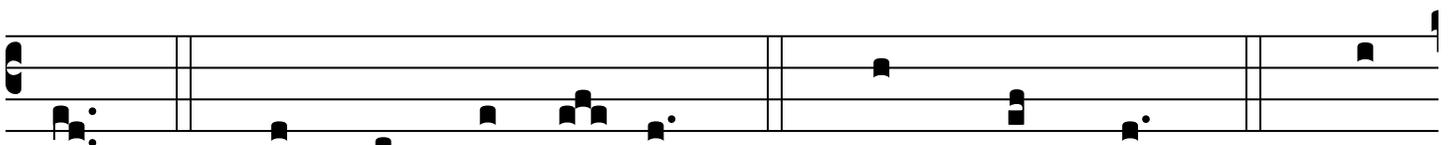
from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the



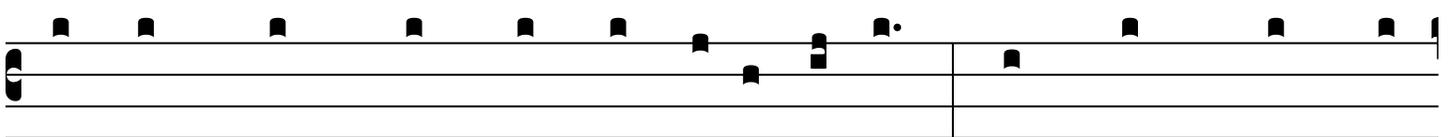
right hand of the power of God." C. They all asked,



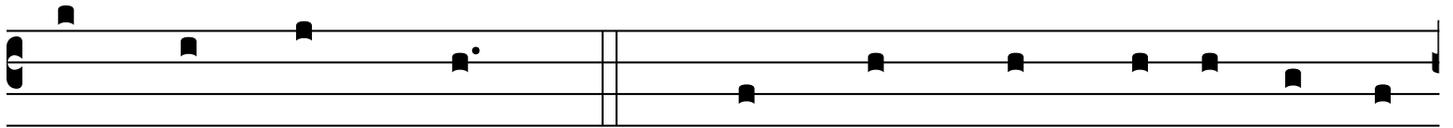
S. "Are you then the Son of God?" C. He replied to



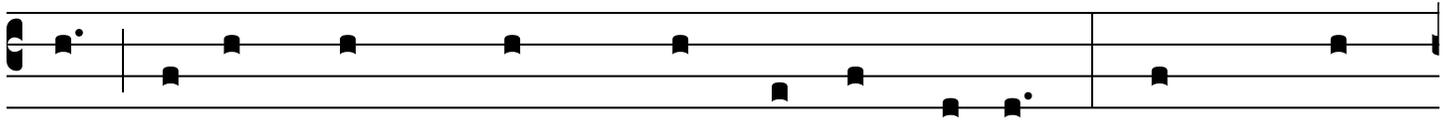
them, + "You say that I am." C. Then they said, S. "What



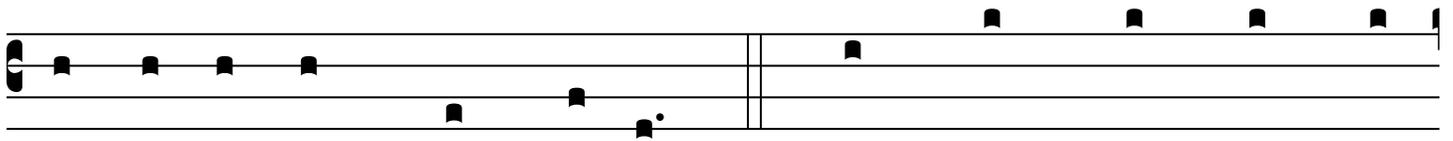
further need have we for testimony? We have heard it



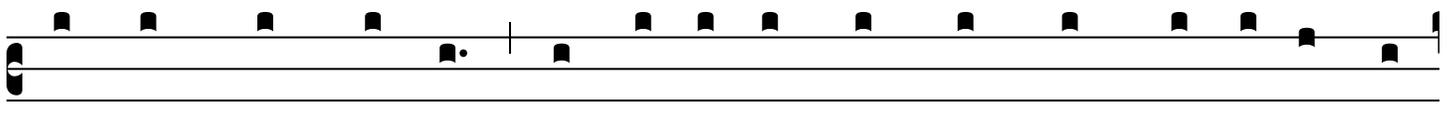
from his own mouth." C. Then the whole assembly of



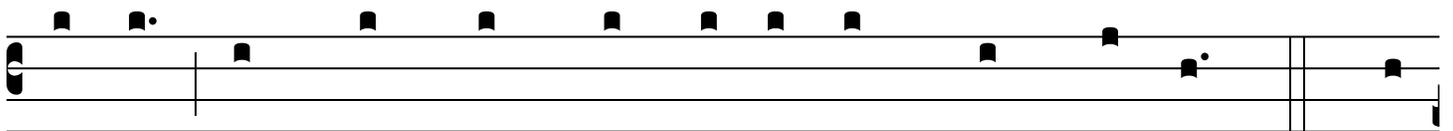
them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought



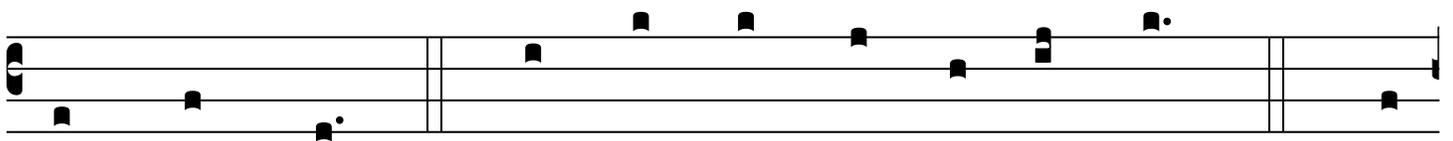
charges against him, saying, S. "We found this man mis-



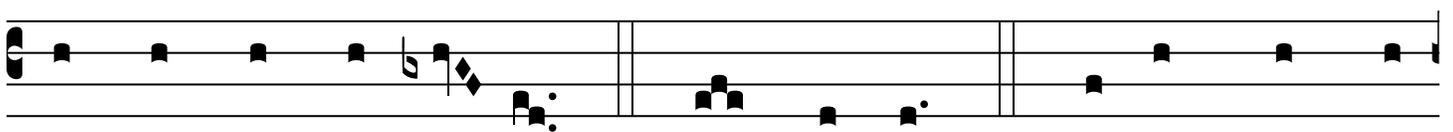
leading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to



Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." C. Pi-



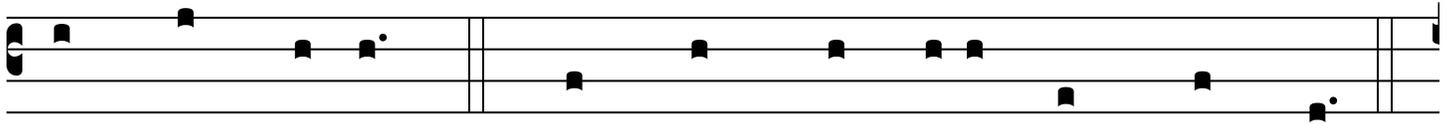
late asked him, S. "Are you the king of the Jews?" C. He



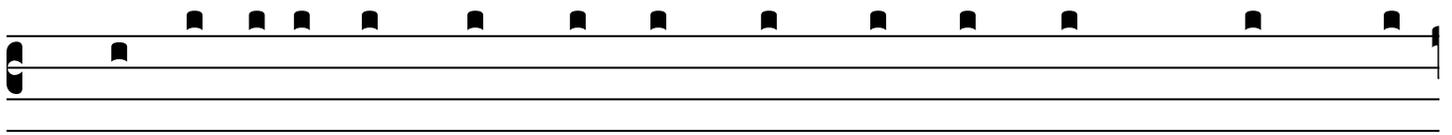
said to him in re- ply, + "You say so." C. Pilate then ad-



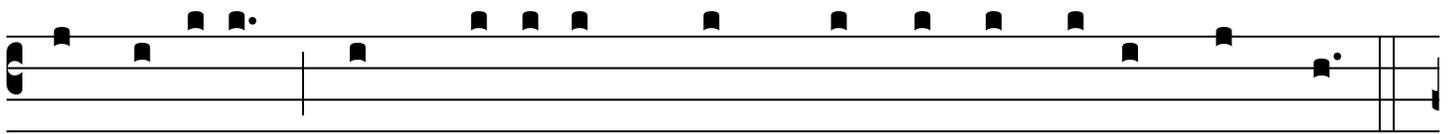
dressed the chief priests and the crowds, S. "I find this



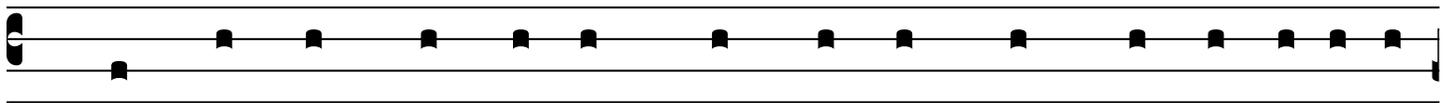
man not guilty." C. But they were adamant and said,



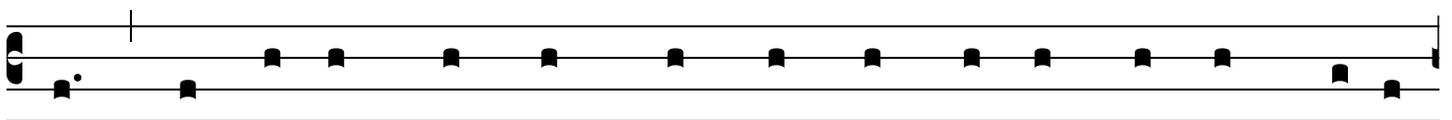
S. "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout



all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."



C. On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Gali-le-



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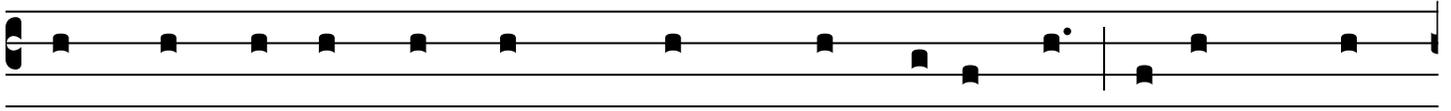


diction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at

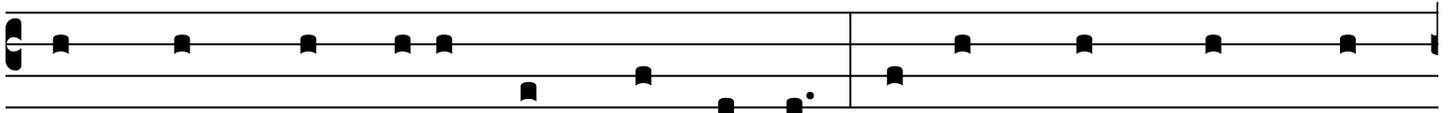




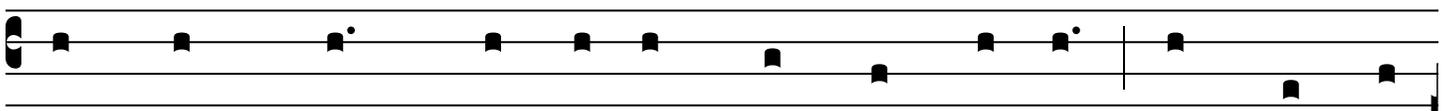
him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. He-



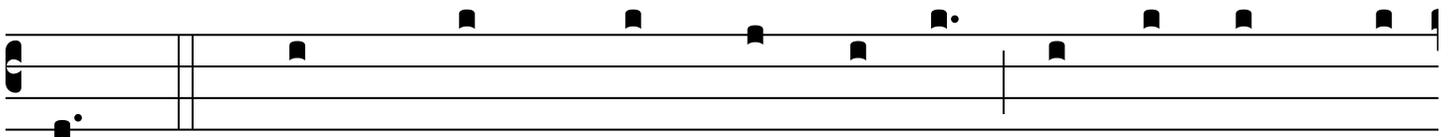
rod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though



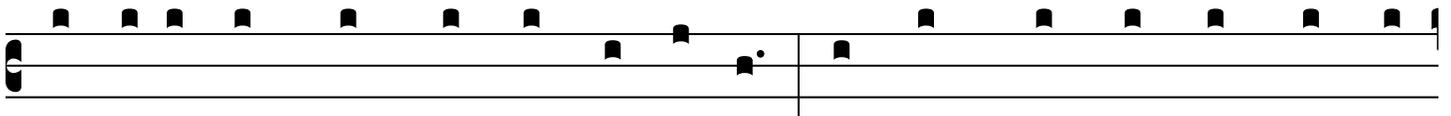
they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned



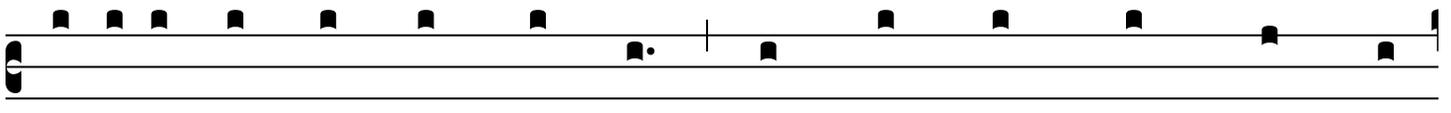
the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to



them, S. "You brought this man to me and accused him



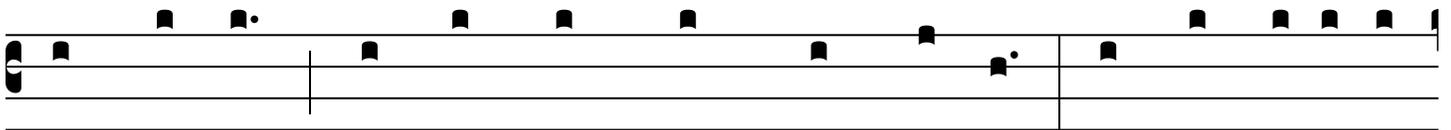
of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my in-



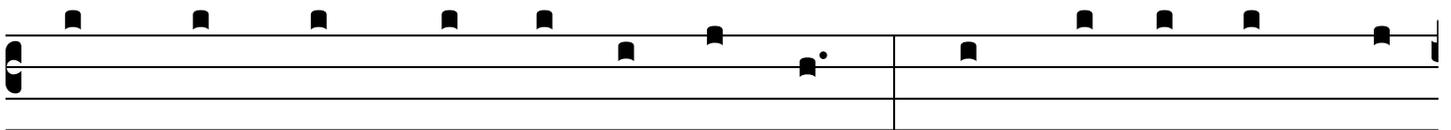
vestigation in your presence and have not found this man



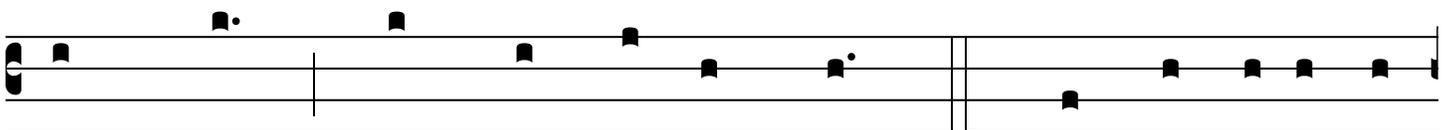
guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor



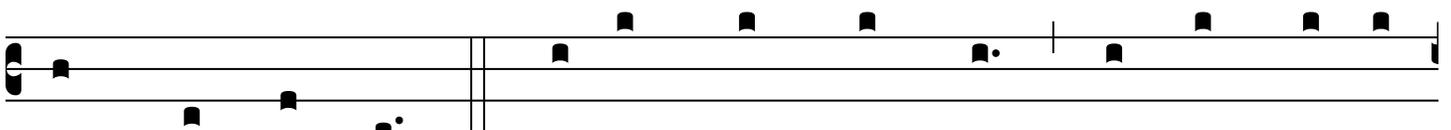
did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital



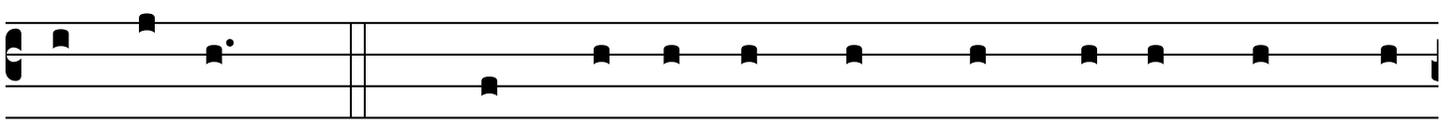
crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have



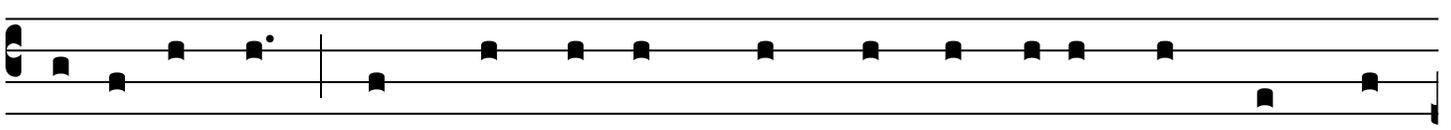
him flogged and then release him." C. But all together



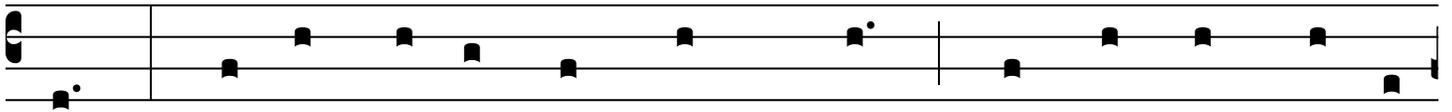
they shouted out, S. "Away with this man! Release Barab-



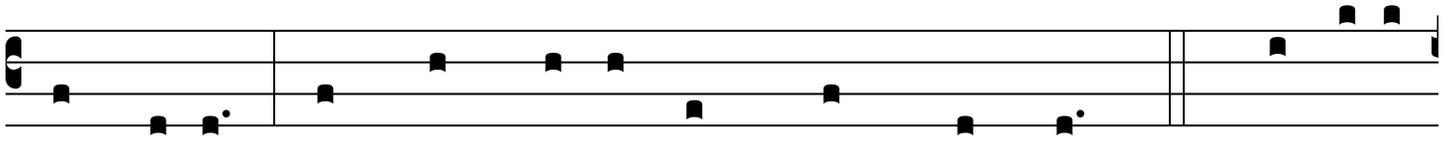
bas to us." C. —Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for



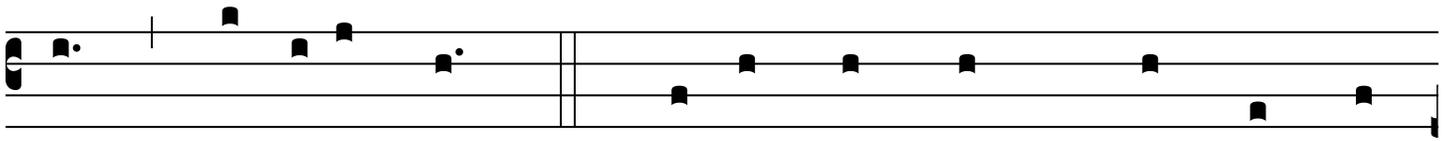
a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for mur-



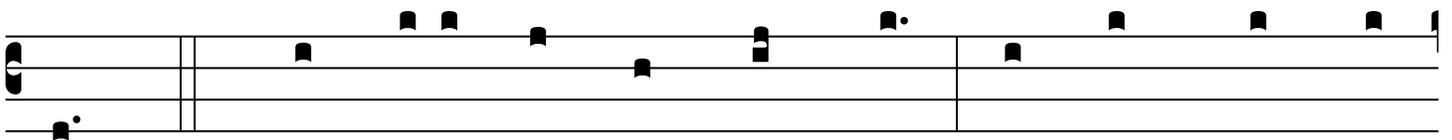
der.— Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to re-



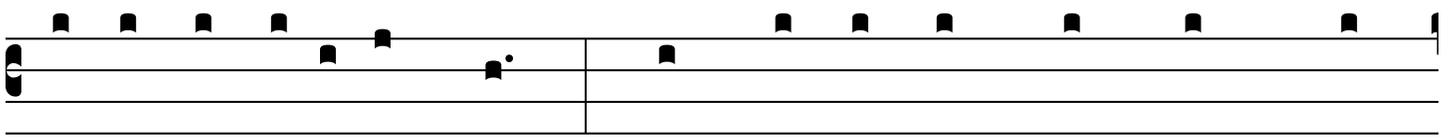
lease Jesus, but they continued their shouting, S. "Crucify



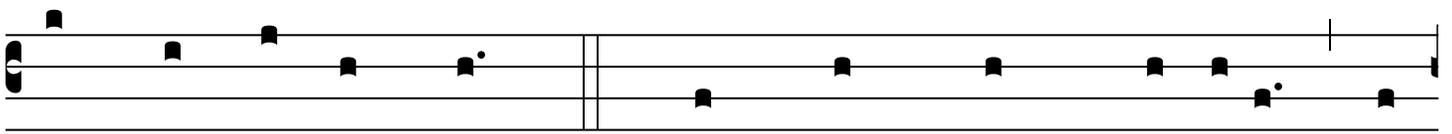
him! Crucify him!" C. Pilate addressed them a third



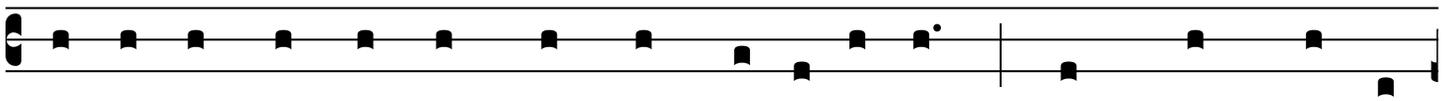
time, S. "What evil has this man done? I found him guil-



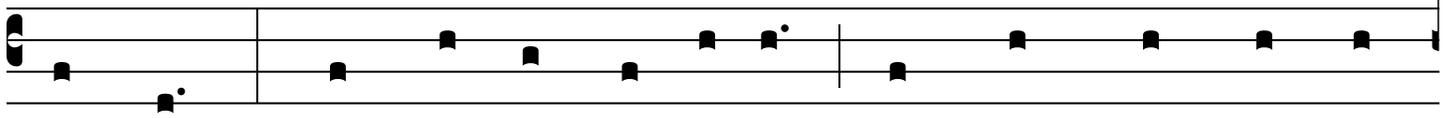
ty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged



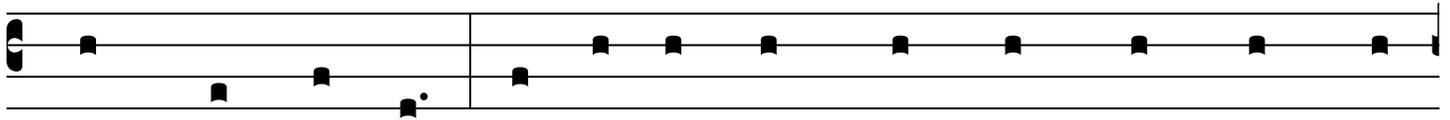
and then release him." C. With loud shouts, however, they



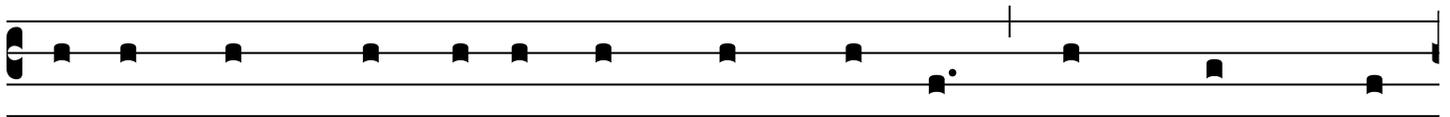
persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices



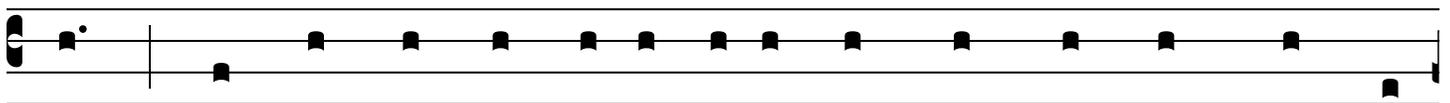
prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand



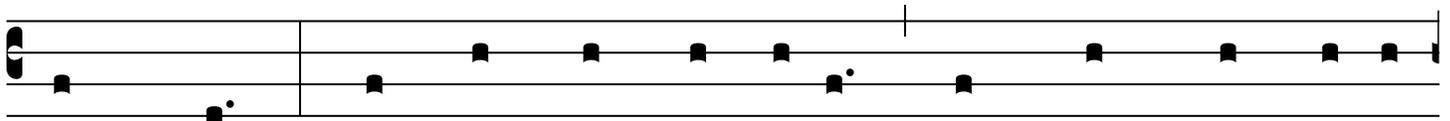
should be granted. So he released the man who had been



imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they



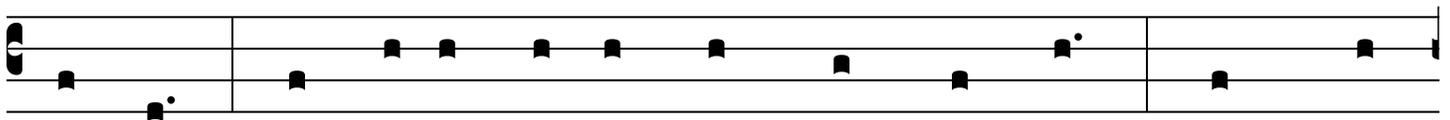
asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as



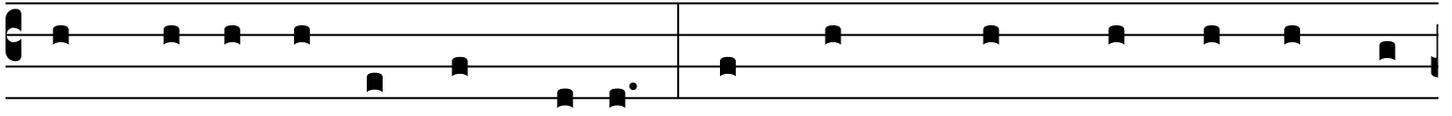
they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a



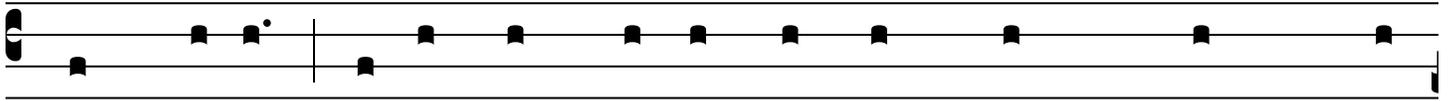
certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the



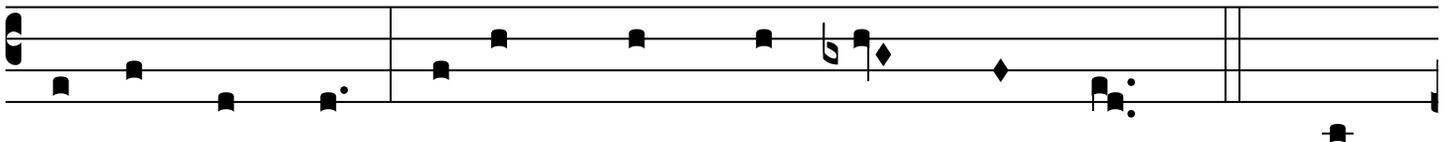
country; and after laying the cross on him, they made



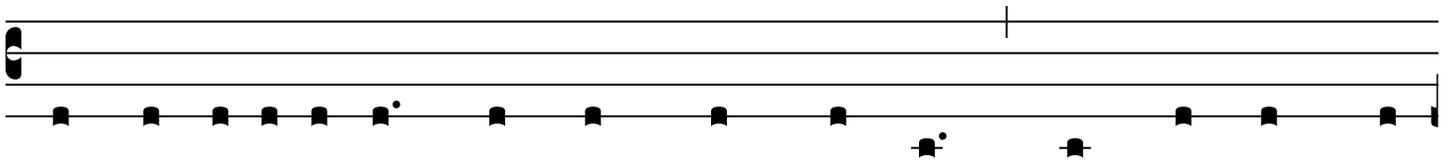
him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people fol-



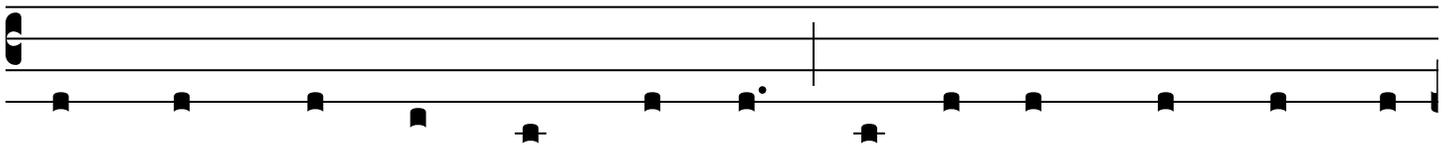
lowed Jesus, including many women who mourned and



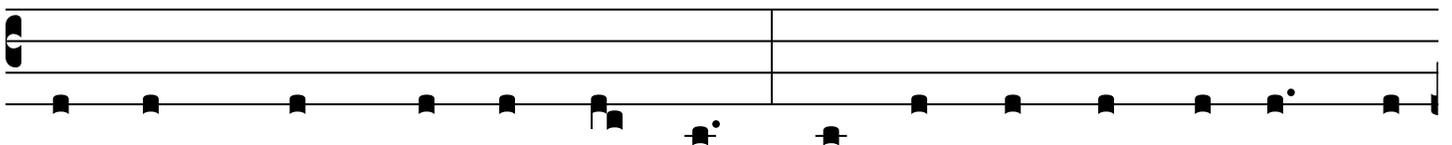
lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, + "Daugh-



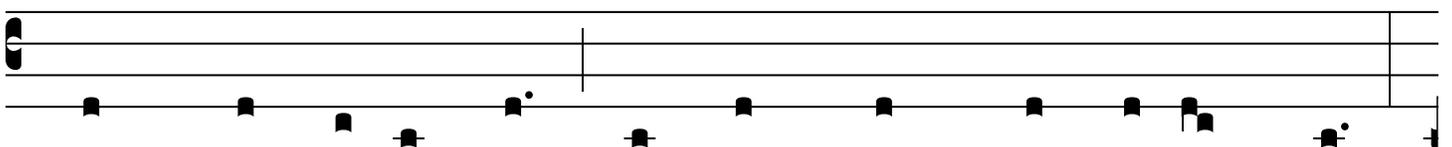
ters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for



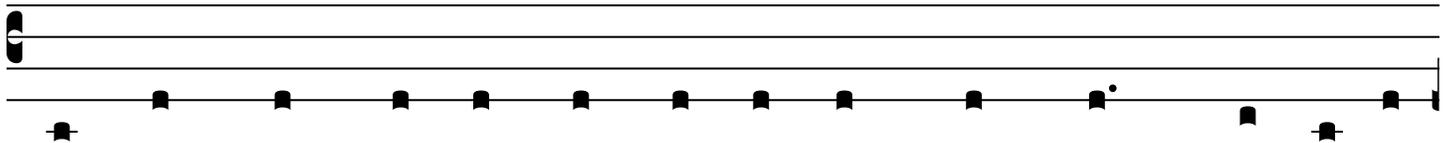
yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are



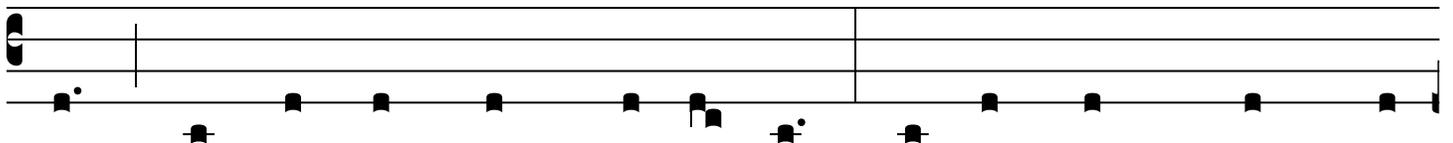
coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the



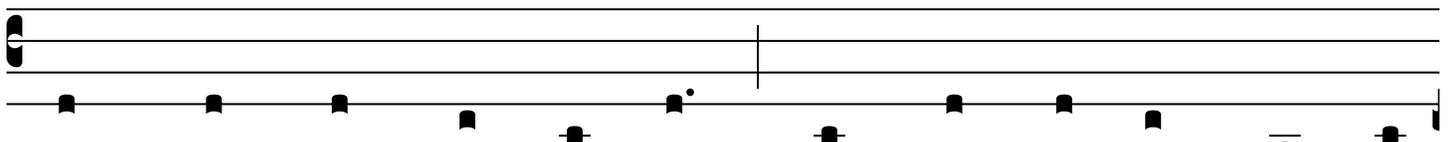
wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.'



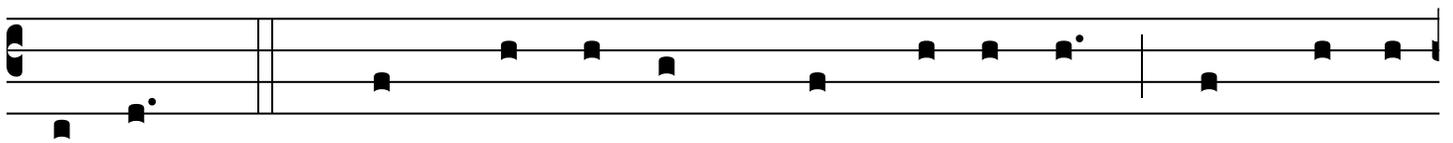
At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon



us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are



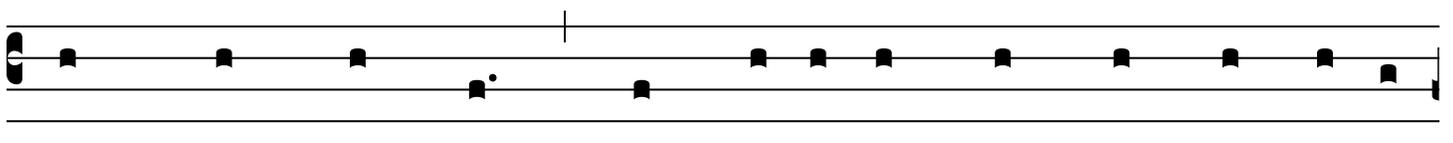
done when the wood is green what will happen when it



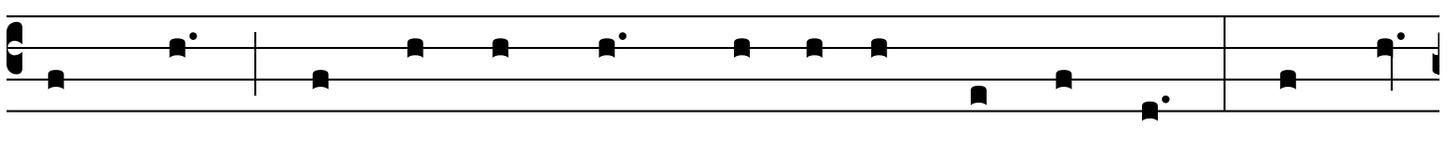
is dry?" C. Now two others, both criminals, were led a-



way with him to be executed. When they came to the



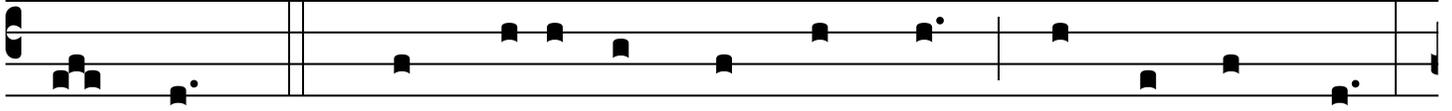
place called the Skull, they crucified him and the crimi-



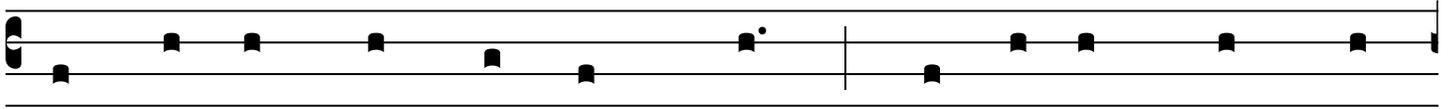
nals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Je-



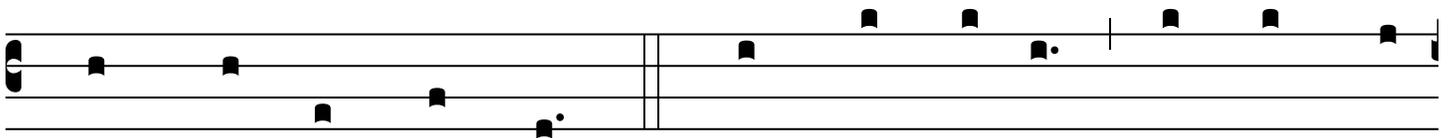
us said, + "Father, forgive them, they know not what



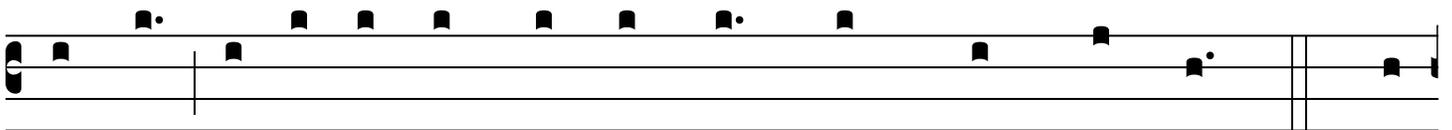
they do." C. They divided his garments by casting lots.



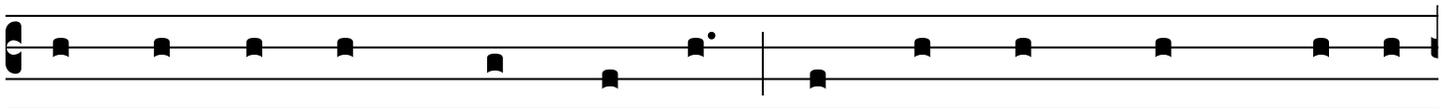
The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile,



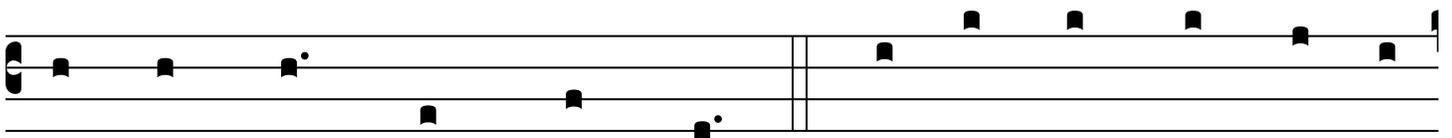
sneered at him and said, S. "He saved others, let him save



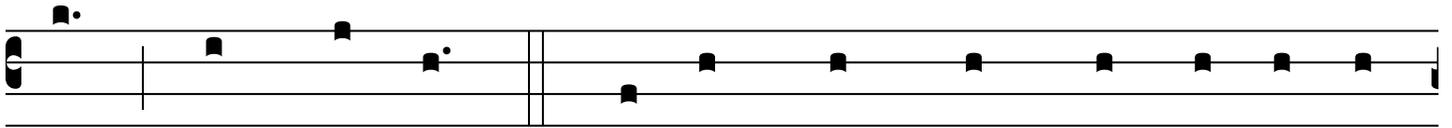
himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." C. E-



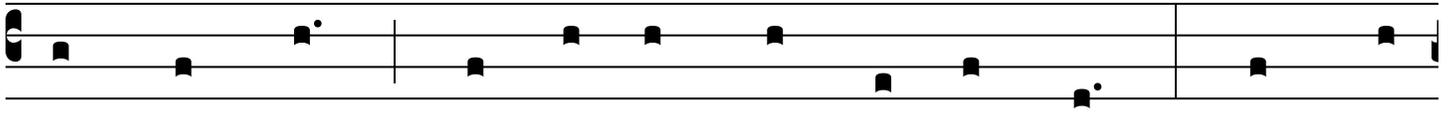
ven the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to of-



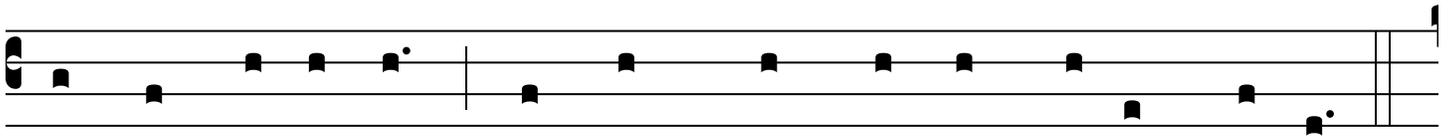
fer him wine they called out, S. "If you are King of the



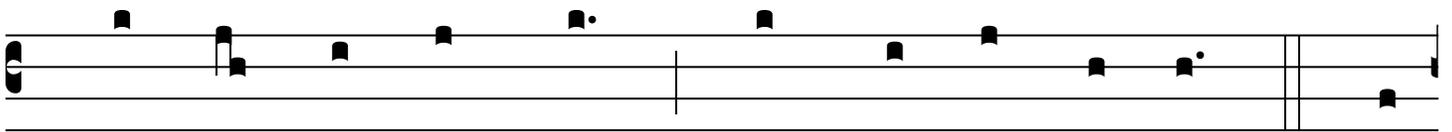
Jews, save yourself." C. Above him there was an inscrip-



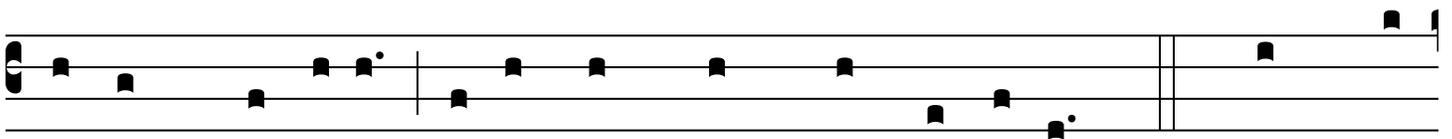
tion that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one



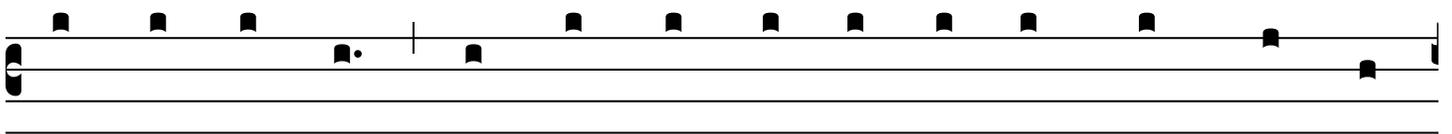
of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,



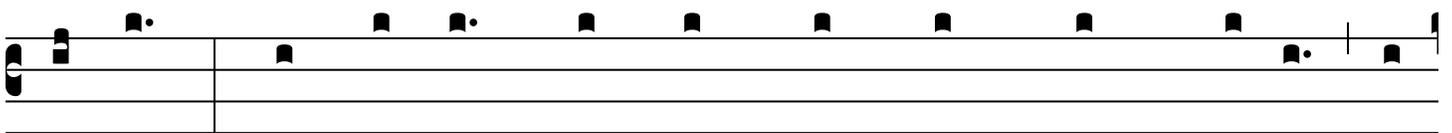
S. "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." C. The



other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, S. "Have you



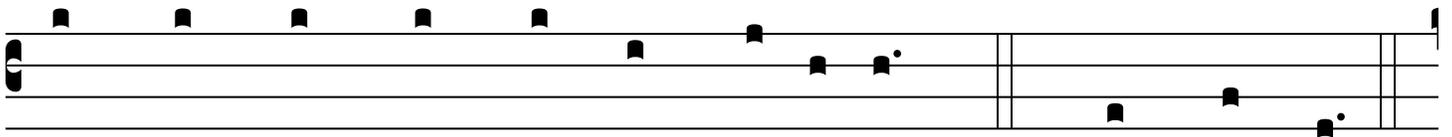
no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condem-



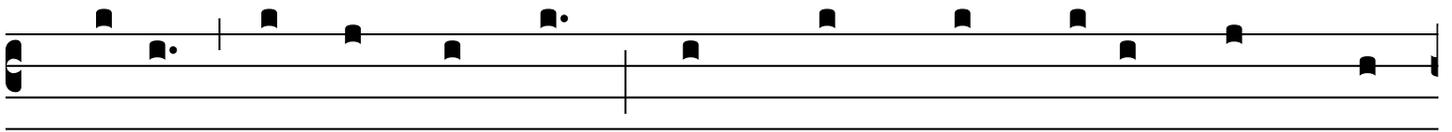
nation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for



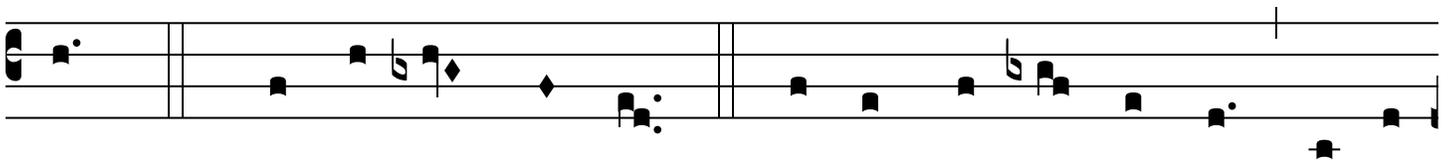
the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but



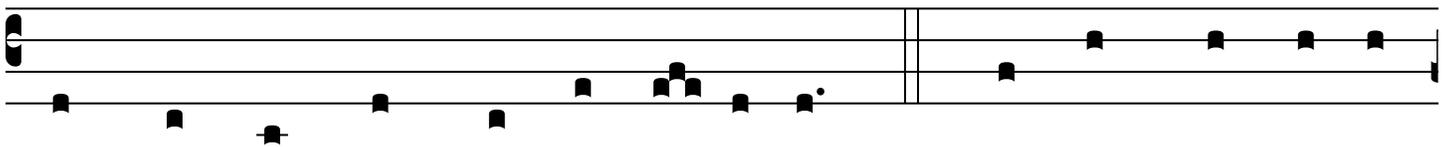
this man has done nothing criminal." C. Then he said,



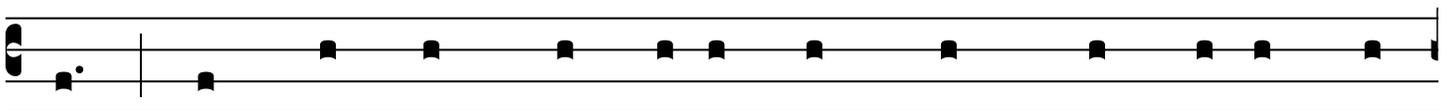
S. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your king-



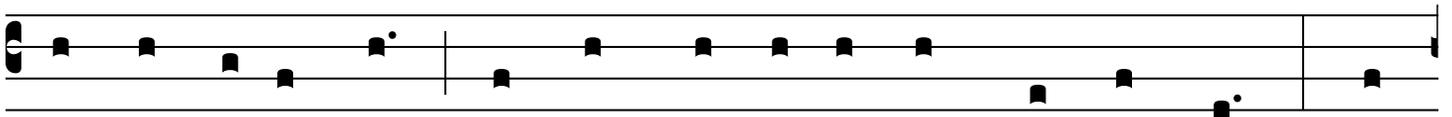
dom." C. He replied to him, + "Amen, I say to you, today



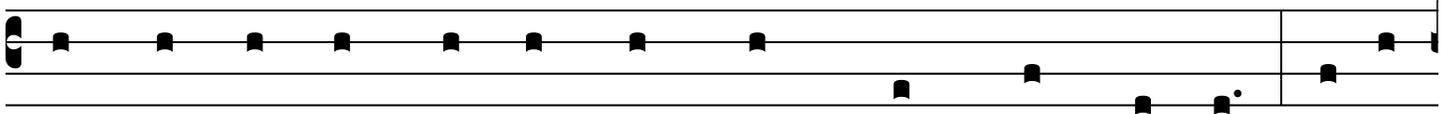
you will be with me in Pa-radise." C. It was now about



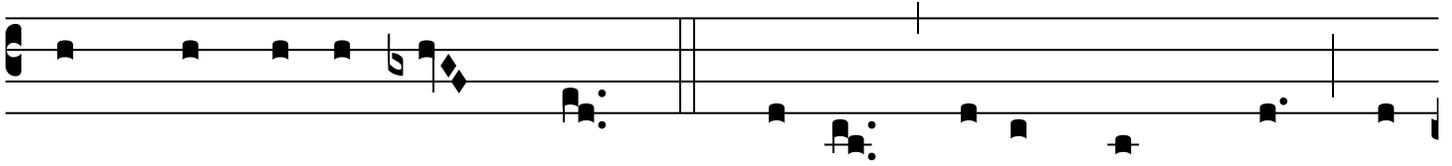
noon and darkness came over the whole land until three



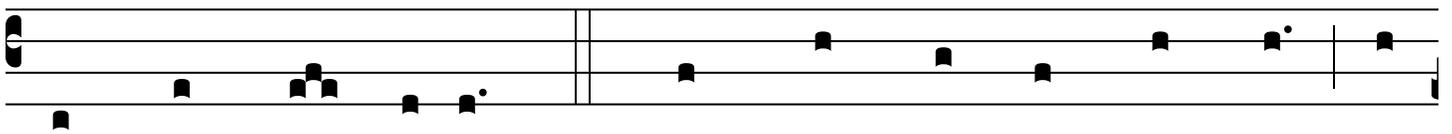
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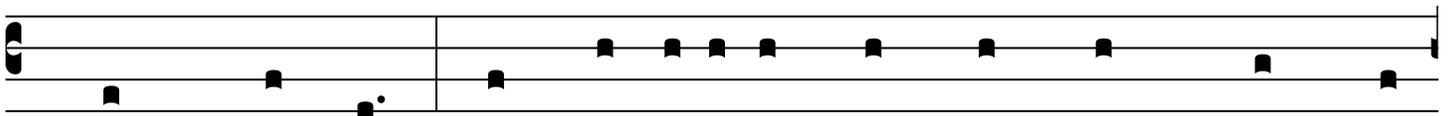
the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus



cried out in a loud voice, + "Father, into your hands I



commend my spirit"; C. and when he had said this he



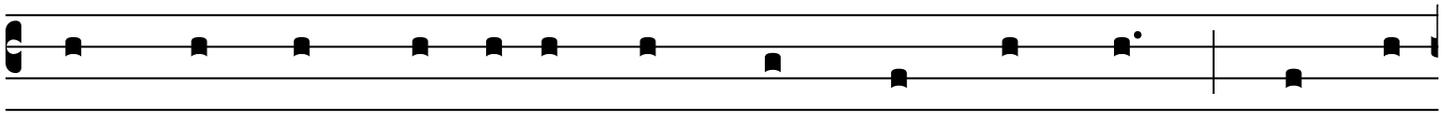
breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had



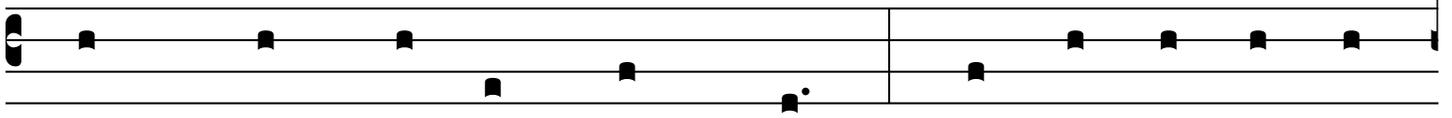
happened glorified God and said, S. "This man was inno-



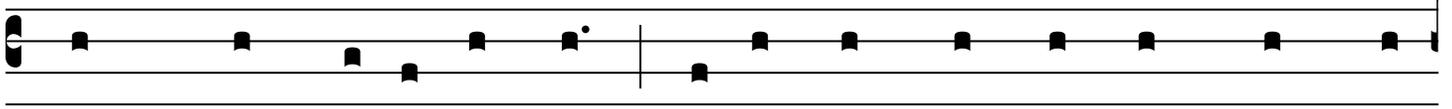
cent beyond doubt." C. When all the people who had gat-



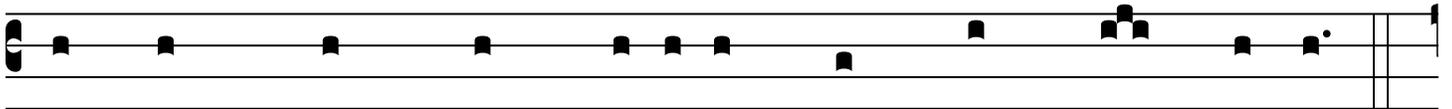
hered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they re-



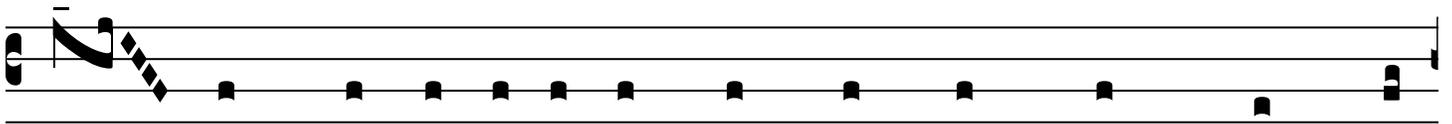
turned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaint-



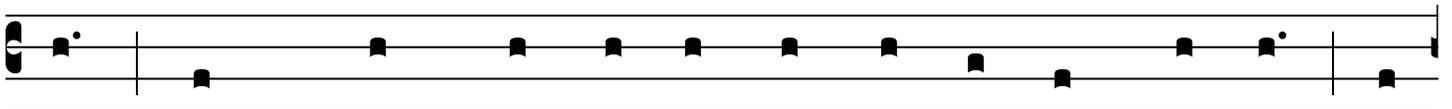
tances stood at a distance, including the women who had



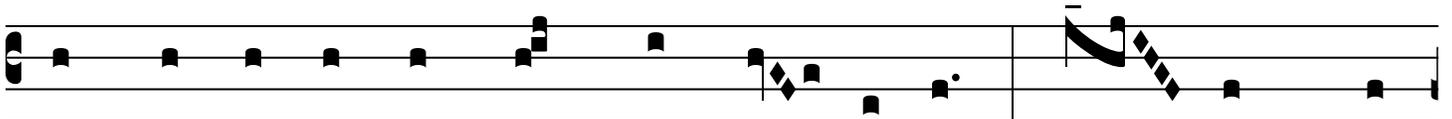
followed him from Galilee and saw these events.



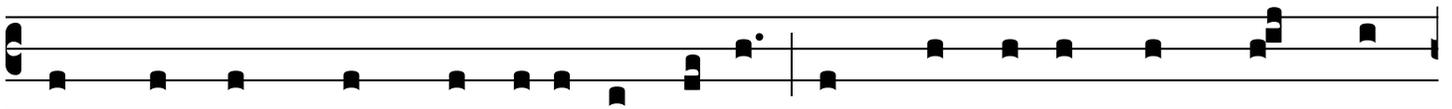
Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Jo-



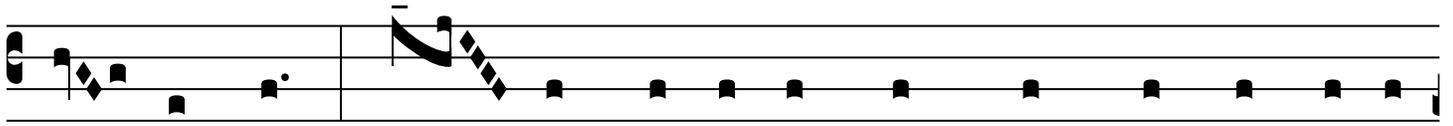
seph who, though he was a member of the council, had



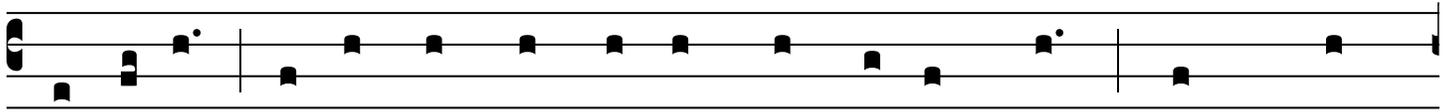
not consented to their plan of action. He came from



the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the king-



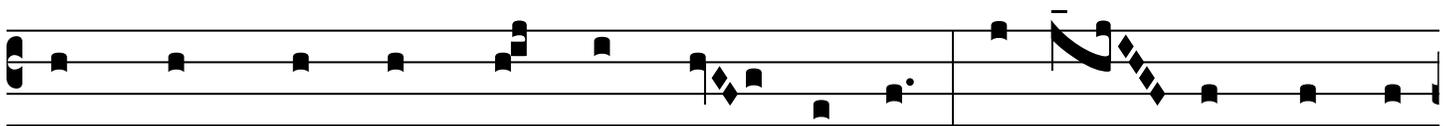
dom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body



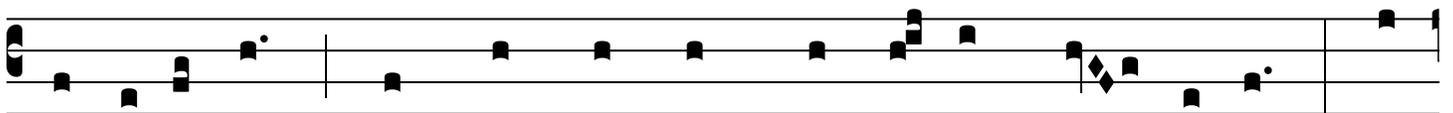
of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped



it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb



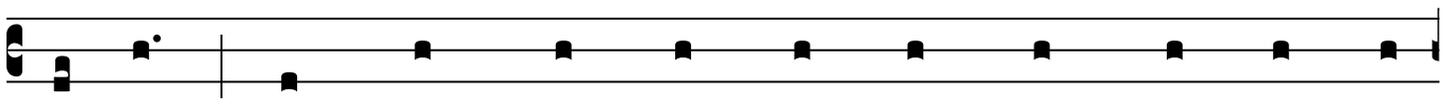
in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of



preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The



women who had come from Galilee with him followed



behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way

