THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

A SETTING
FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL THEMES

With Turba Coruses
for
Unison Choir or Mixed Voices

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N = Narrator
✠ = Jesus
S = Crowd or other speaker

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In the Solemn Liturgical Action on Good Friday,
it is traditional to chant the Passion without organ accompaniment.

The Turba Choruses may be sung in unison (with organ, if desired), or SATB.

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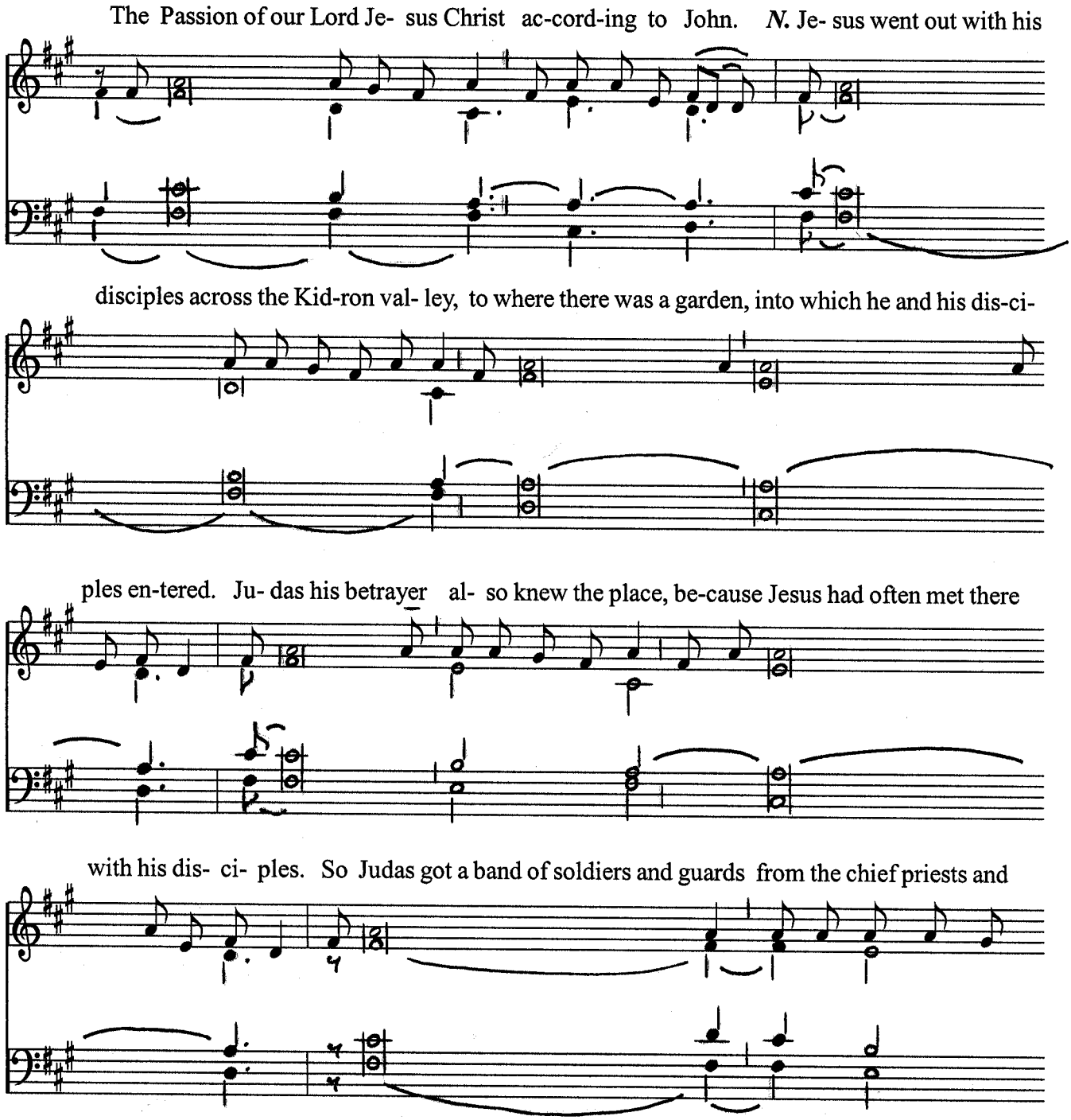
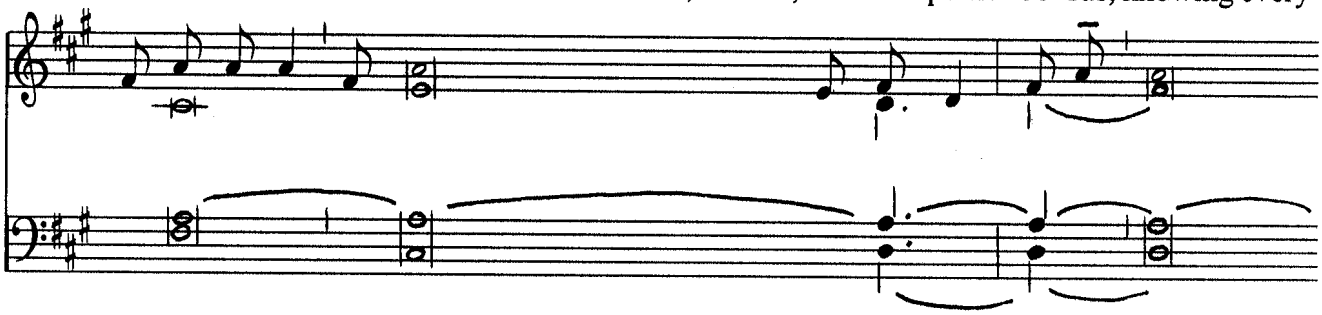
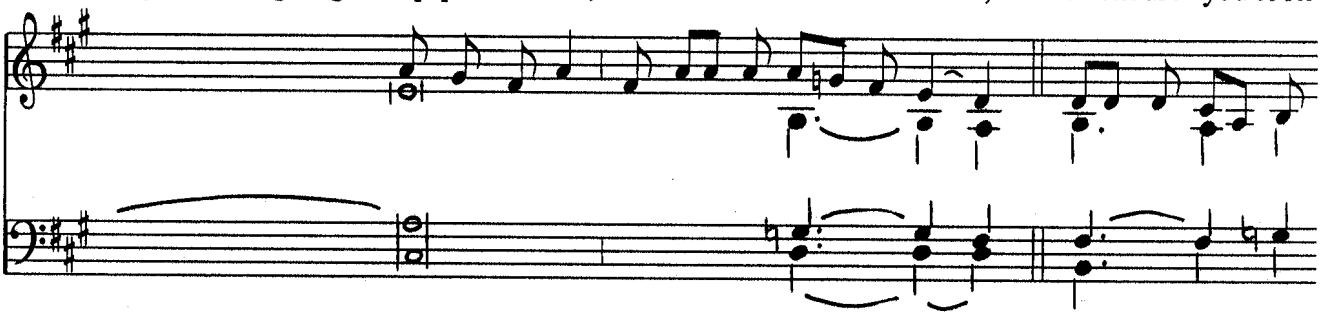


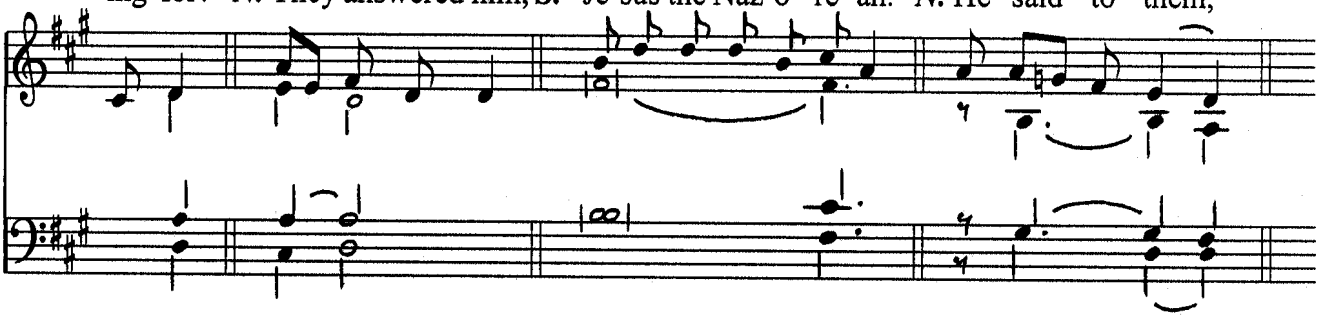
the Phar- i- sees and went there with lanterns, torches, and wea- pons. Je- sus, knowing every-



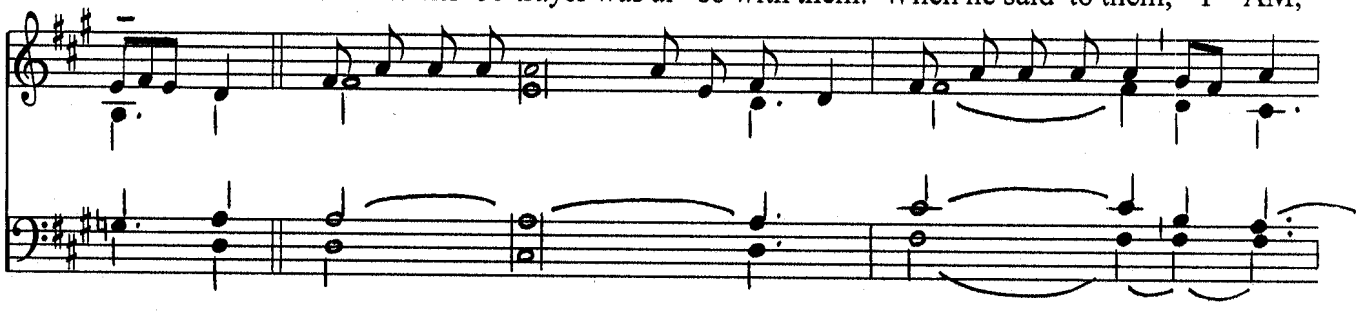
thing that was going to hap-pen to him, went out and said to them, ✠ "Whom are you look-



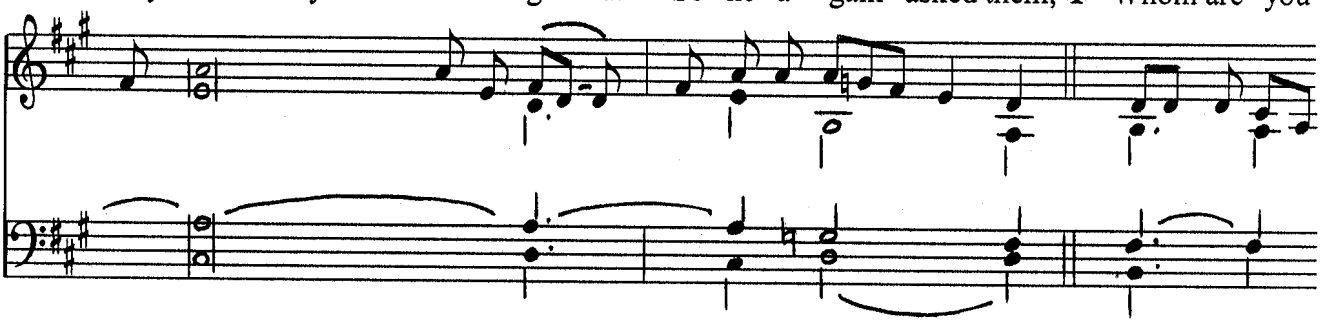
ing for?" *N.* They answered him, *S.* "Je-sus the Naz-o- re- an." *N.* He said to them,



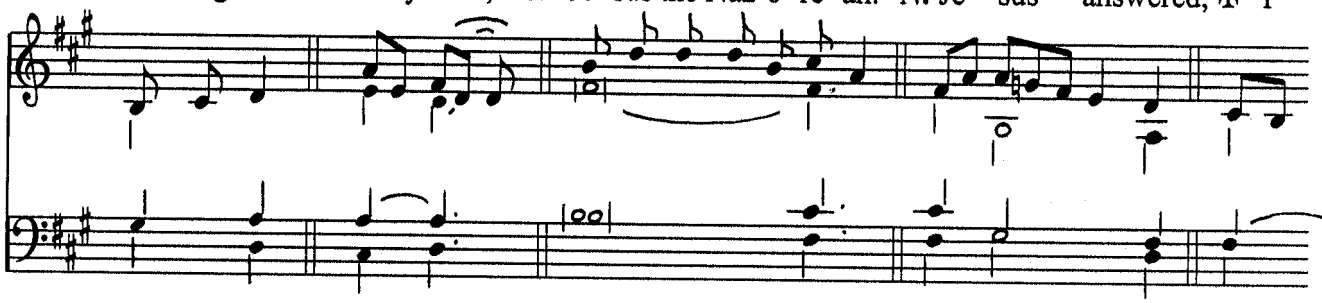
✠ "I AM." *N.* Ju- das his be-trayer was al- so with them. When he said to them, "I AM,"



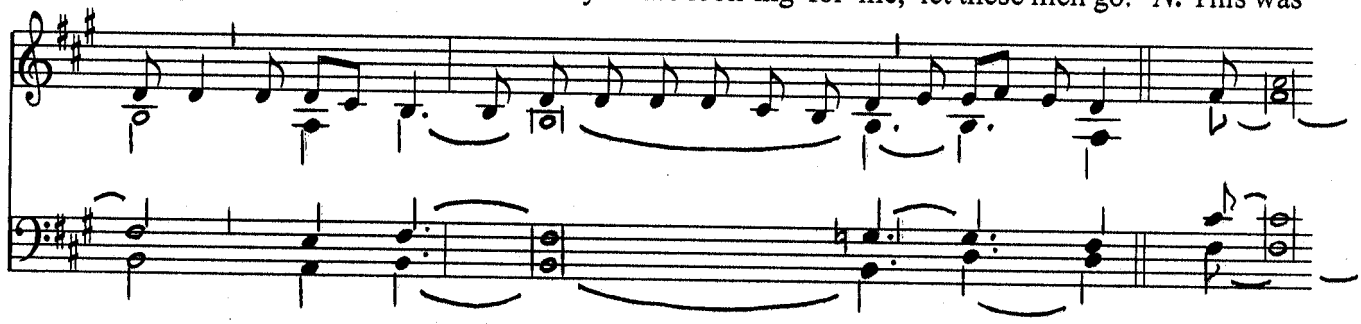
they turned away and fell to the ground. So he a- gain asked them, ✠ "Whom are you



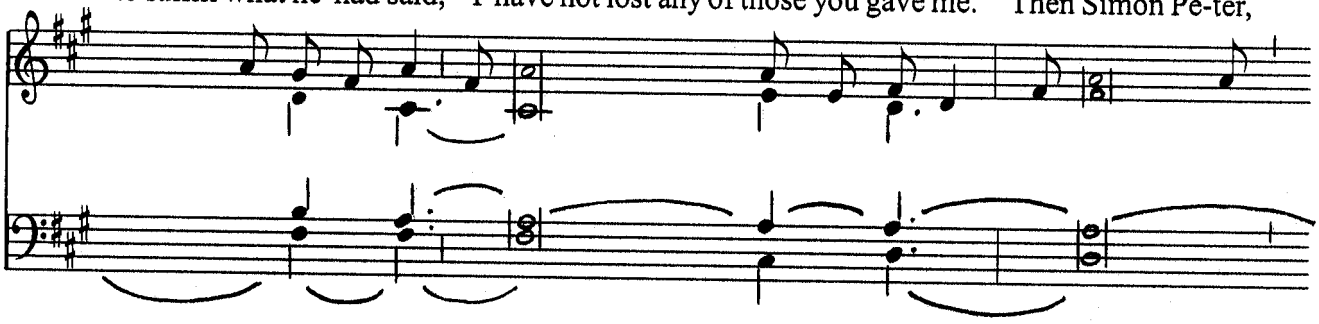
look- ing for?" *N.* They said, *S.* "Je- sus the Naz-o- re- an." *N.* Je- sus answered, ✠ "I



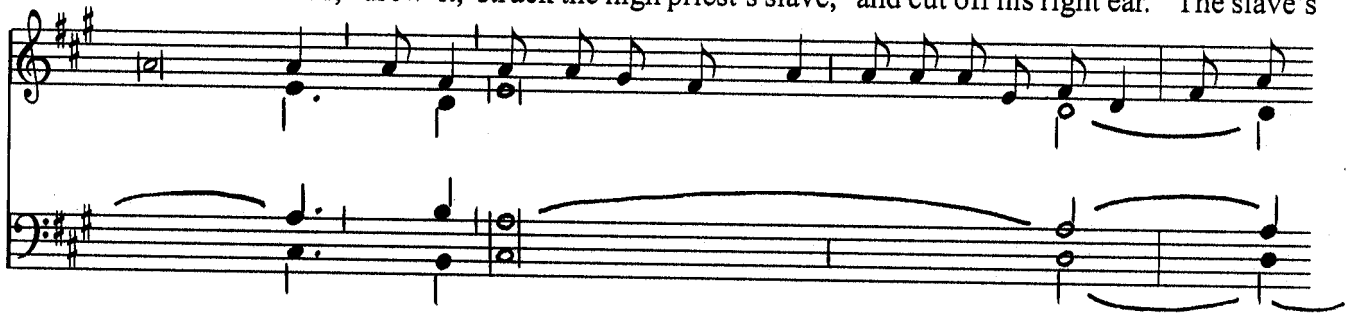
told you that I AM. So if you are look-ing for me, let these men go." *N.* This was



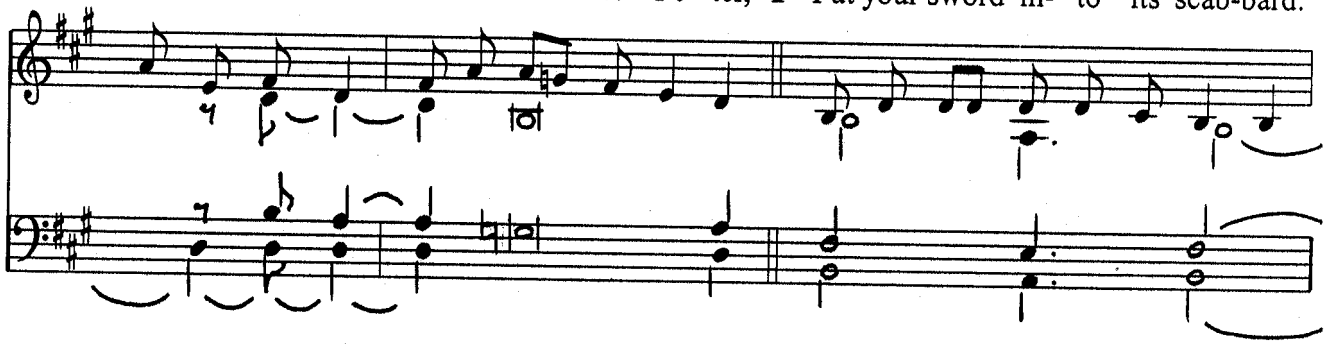
to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Pe-ter,



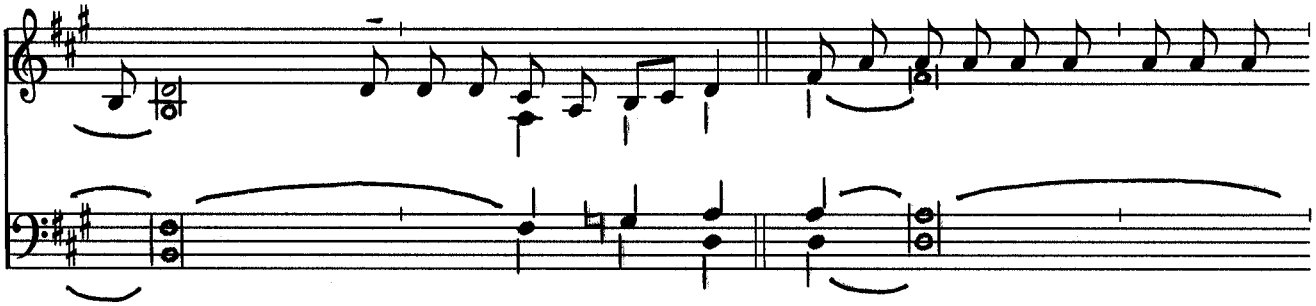
who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's



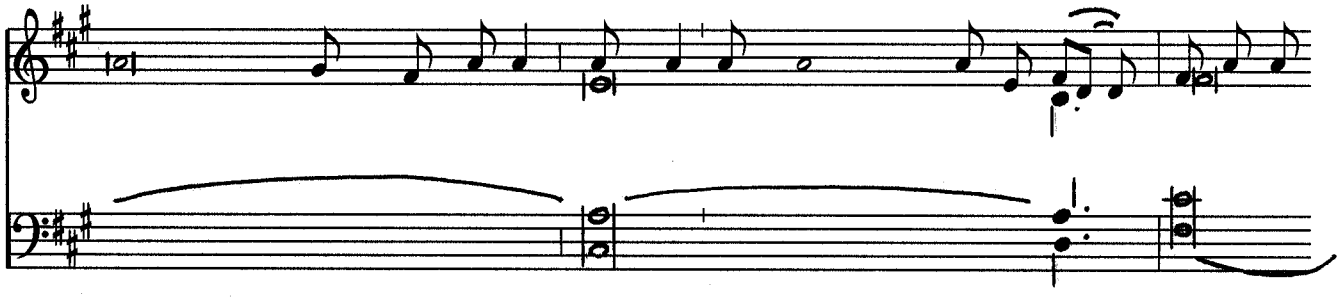
name was Mal- chus. Je- sus said to Pe- ter, ✠ "Put your sword in- to its scab-bard.



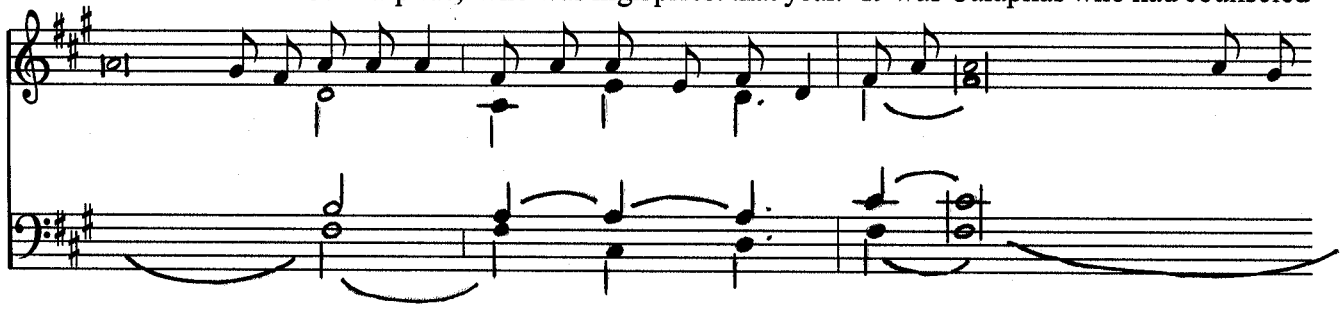
Shall I not drink the cup that the Fa- ther gave me?" *N.* So the band of soldiers, the tri-bune,



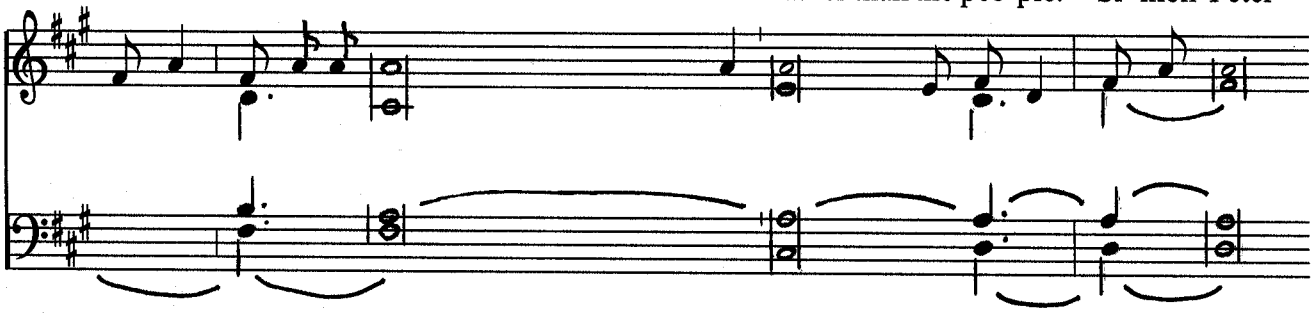
and the Jewish guards seized Je-sus, bound him, and brought him to An-nas first. He was the



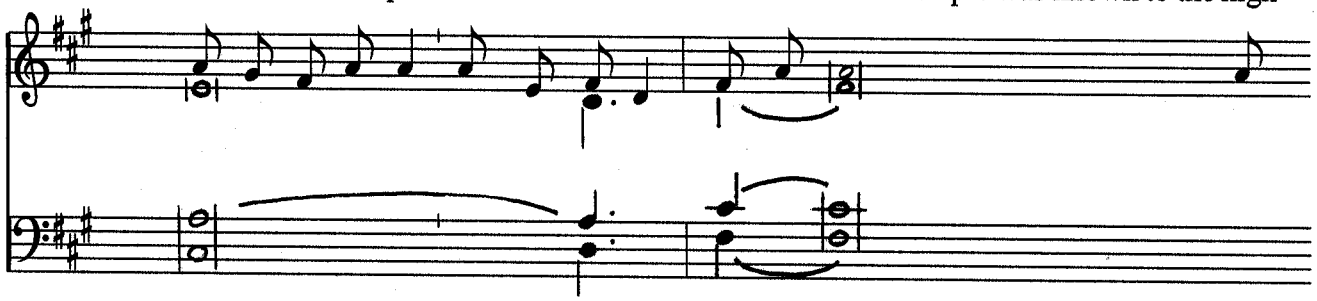
father-in-law of Cai- a-phus, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled



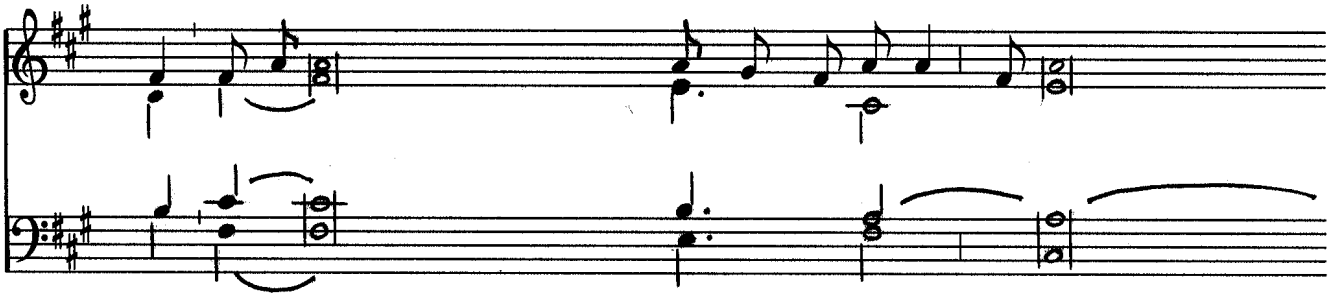
the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the peo-ple. Si- mon Peter



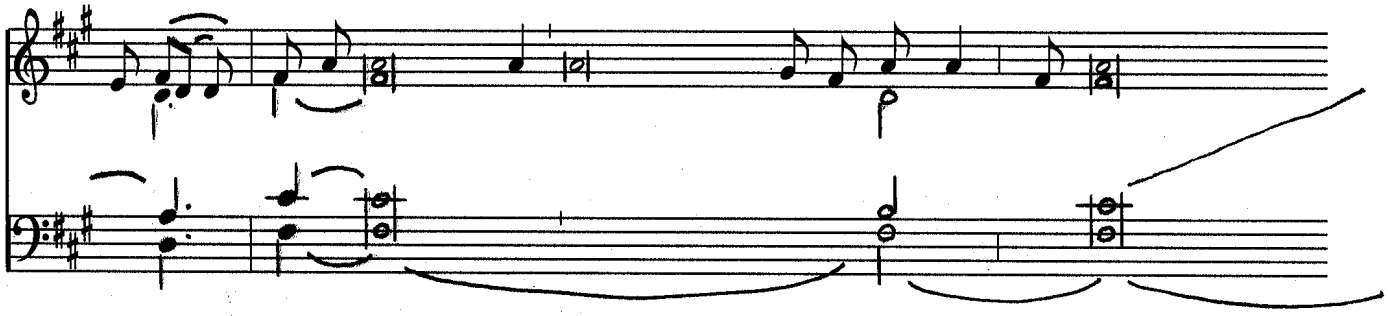
and an-oth- er dis- ci- ple fol-lowed Je- sus. Now the other disciple was known to the high



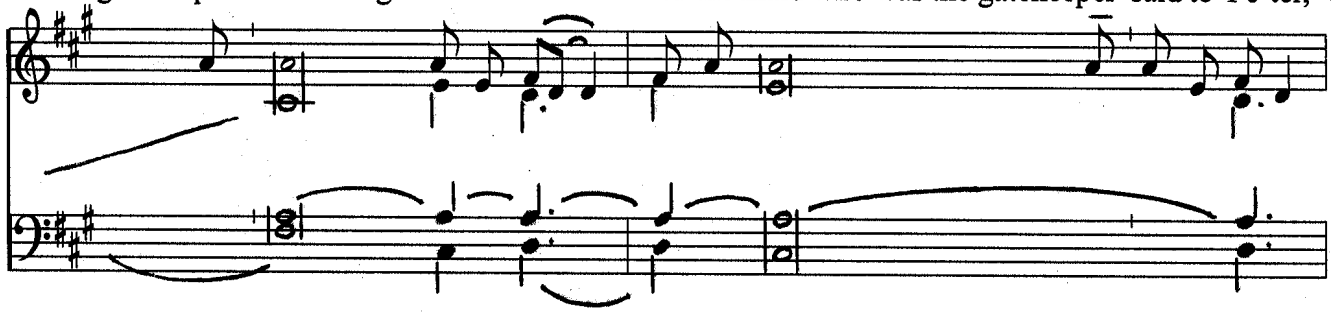
priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Je- sus. But Peter stood at the gate



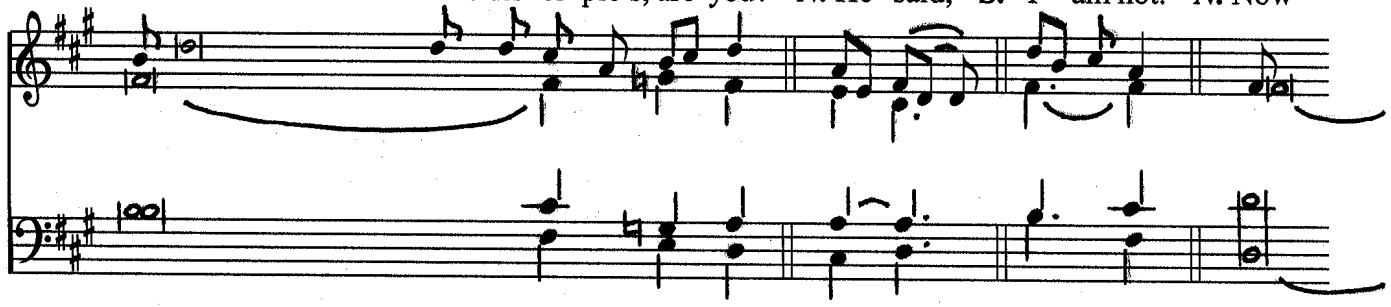
out- side. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the



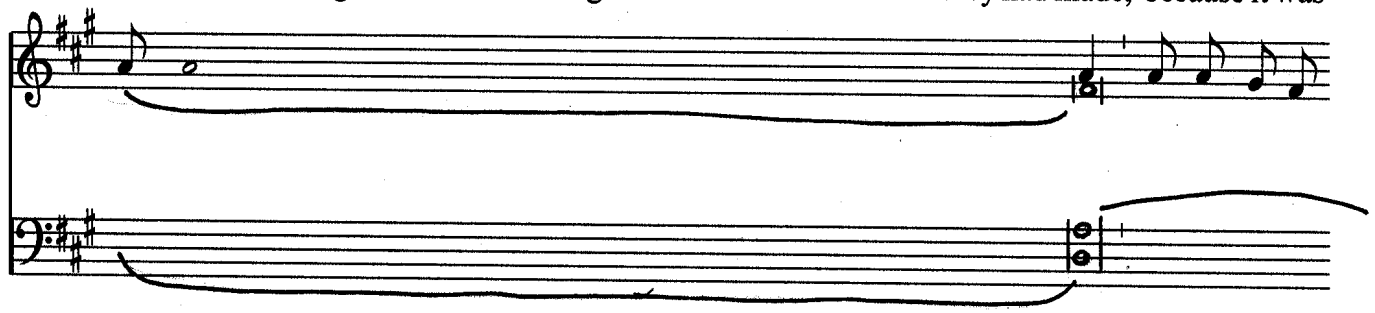
gatekeeper and brought Pe- ter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Pe-ter,



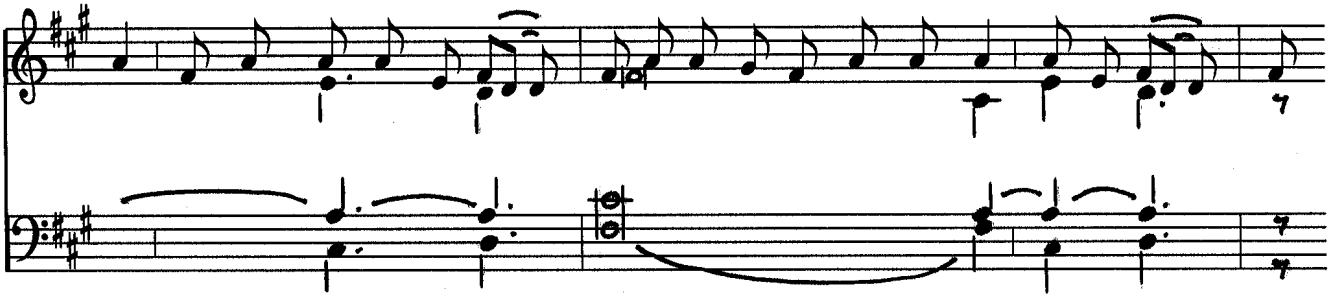
S. "You are not one of this man's dis- ci- ple's, are you?" *N.* He said, *S.* "I am not." *N.* Now



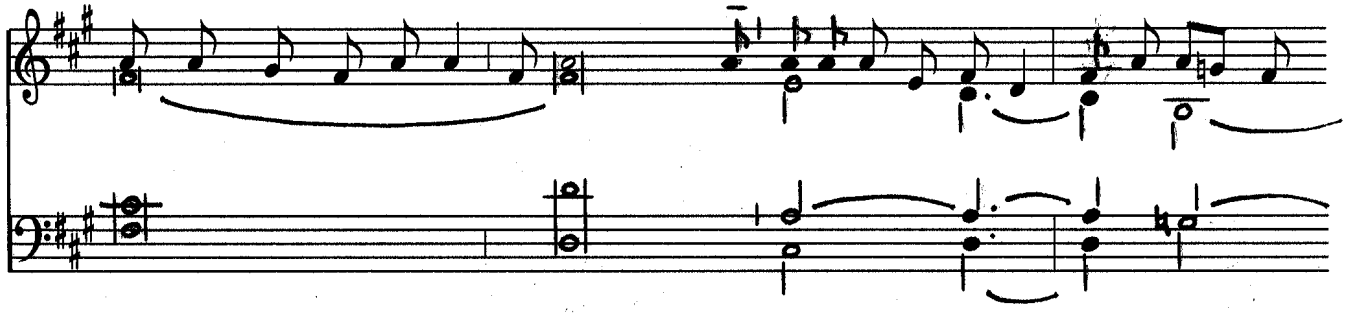
the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was



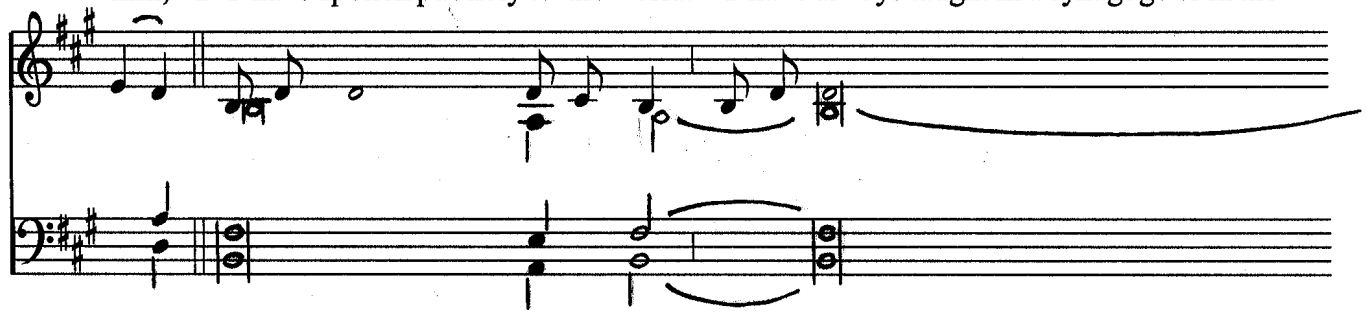
cold, and were warming themselves. Pe- ter was al- so stand-ing there keeping warm. The



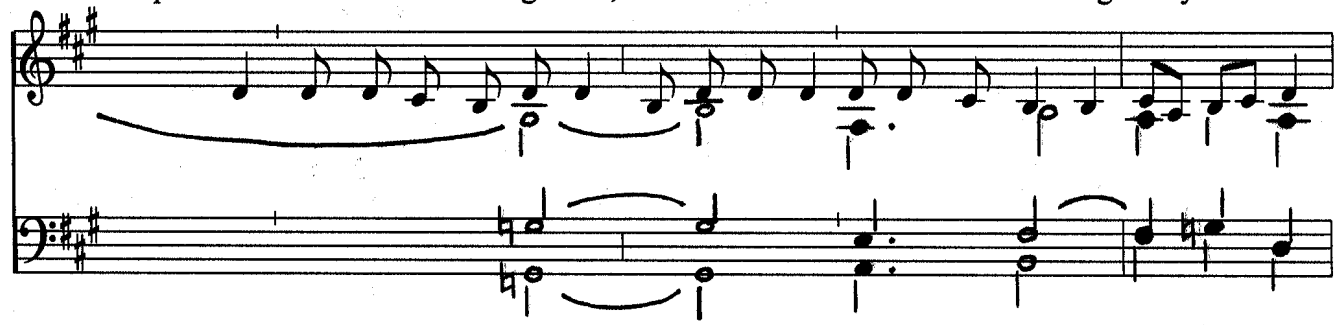
high priest questioned Je- sus a- bout his disciples and a-bout his doctrine. Je- sus an- swered



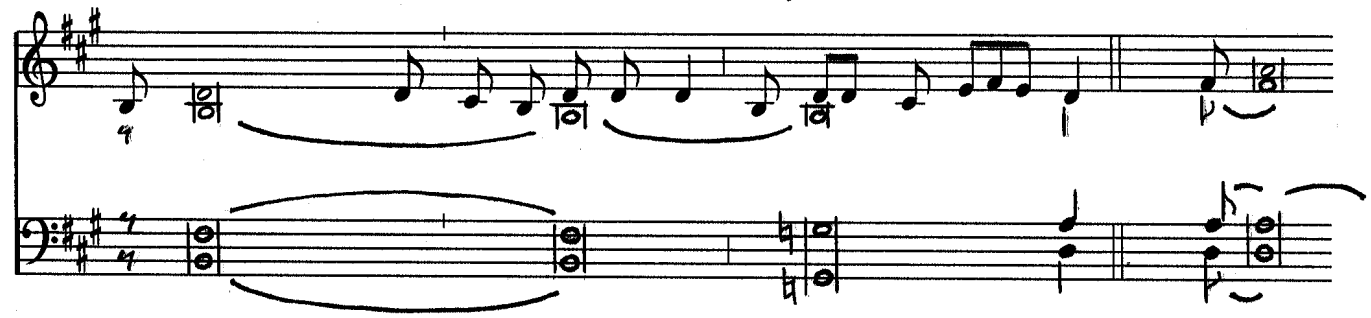
him, ✠ I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagoge or in the



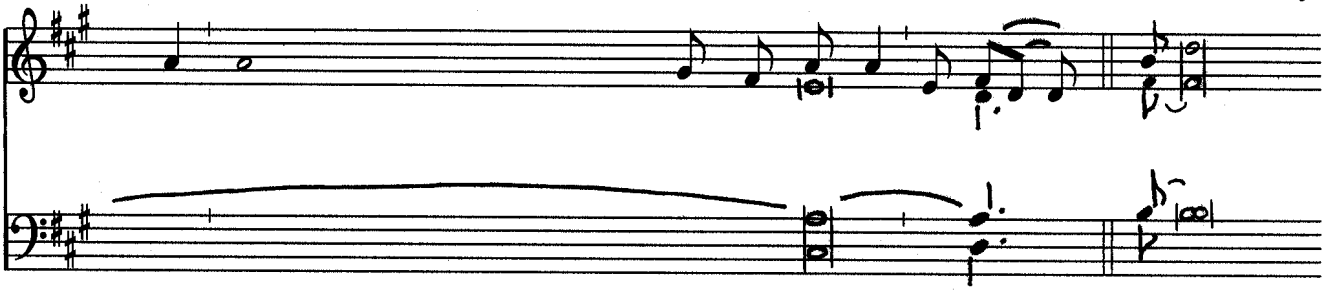
temple area where all the Jews ga-ther, and in se- cret I have said noth-ing. Why ask me?



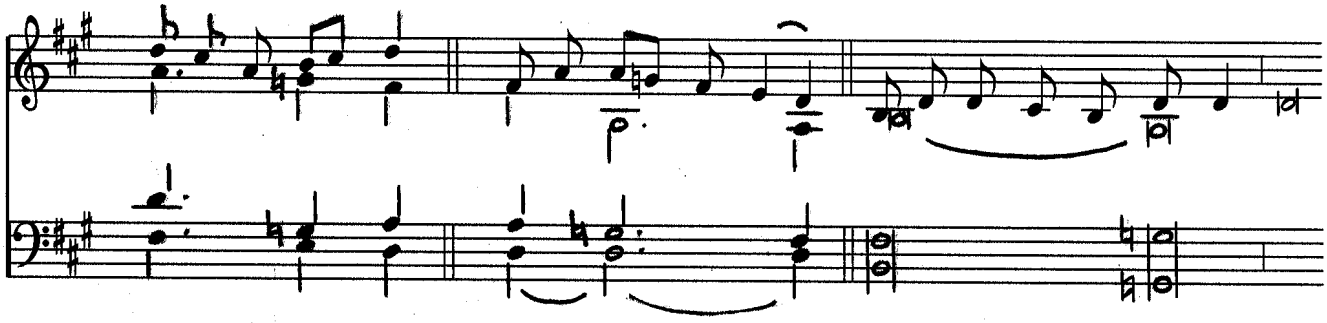
Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." *℣.* When he had



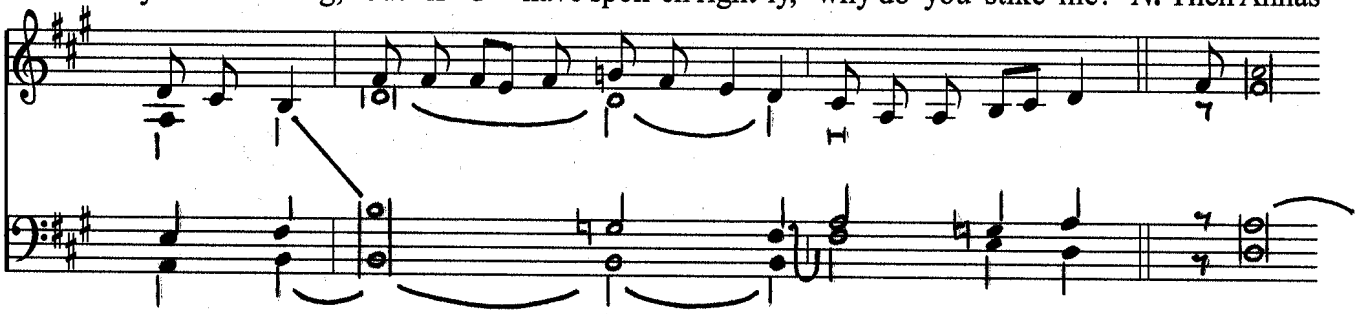
said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Je- sus and said, ***S.*** "Is this the way



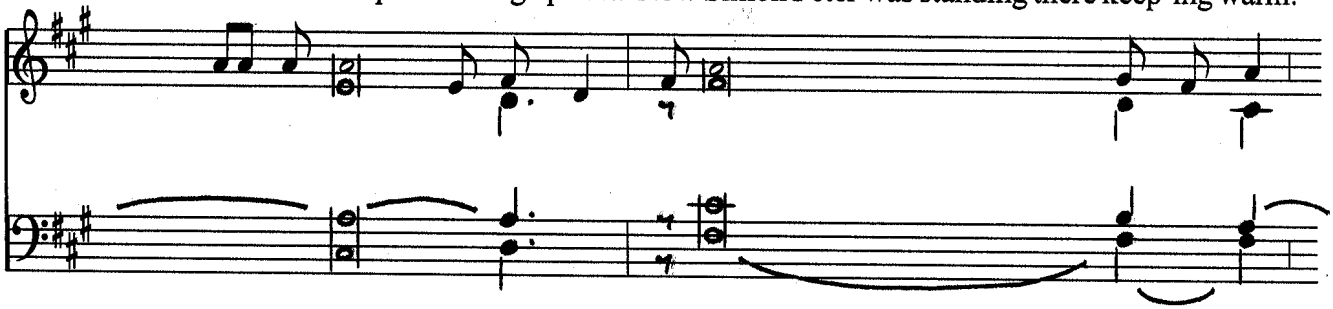
you answer the high priest?" ***N.*** Je- sus an- swered him, ✠ "If I have spok-en wrong-ly, tes-



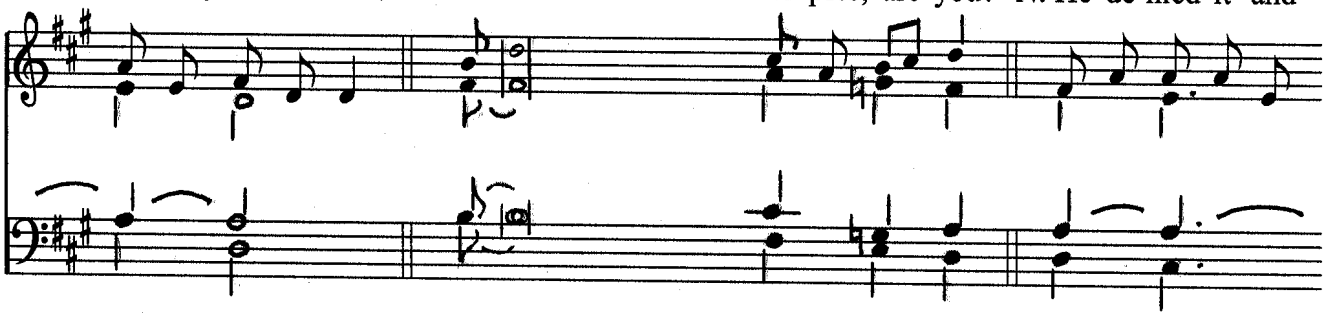
tify to the wrong; but if I have spok-en right-ly, why do you stike me?" ***N.*** Then Annas



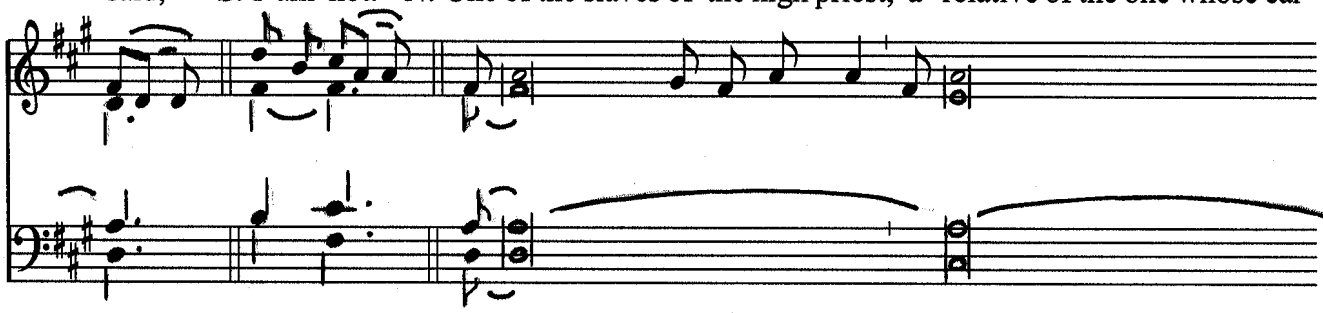
sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keep-ing warm.



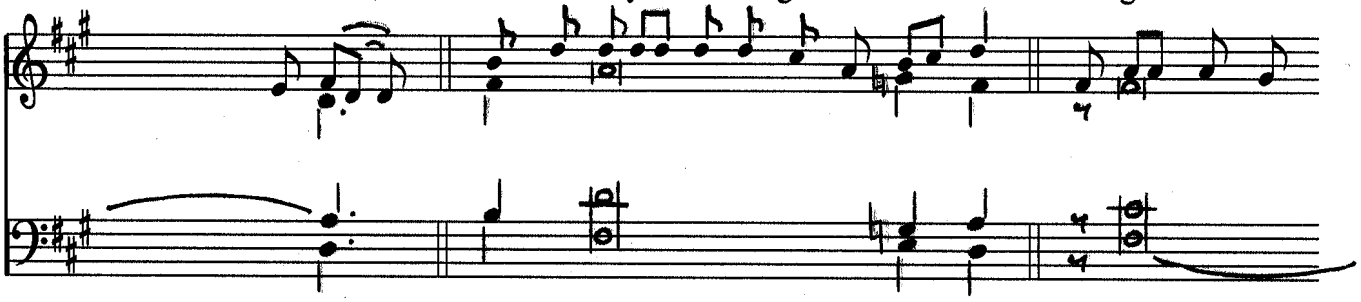
And they said to him, ***S.*** "You are not one of his dis-ci- ples, are you?" ***N.*** He de-nied it and



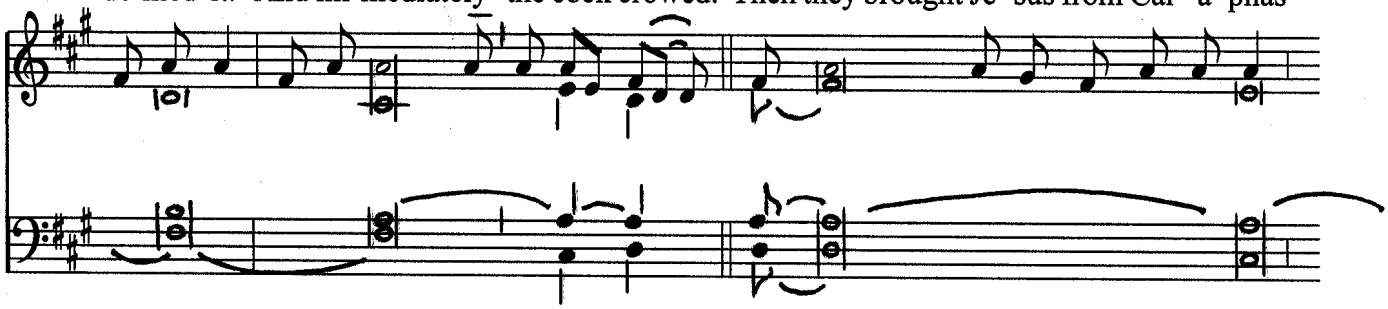
said, *S.* I am not." *N.* One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear



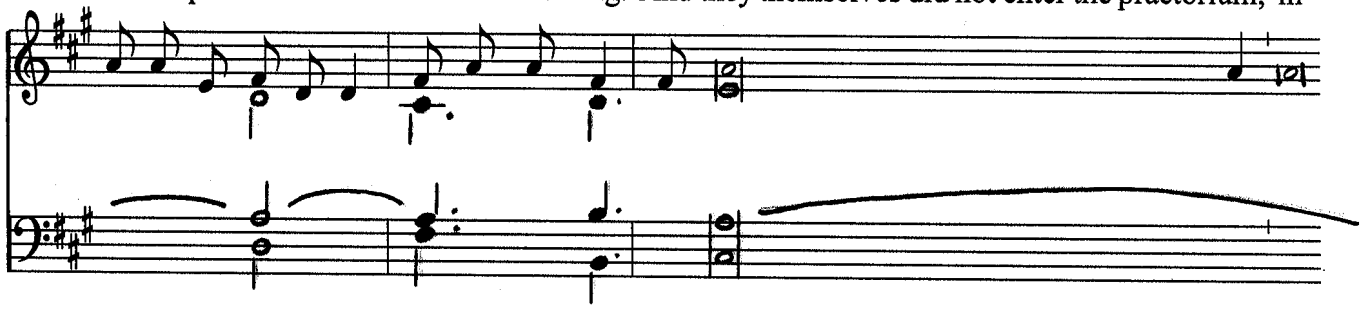
Peter had cut off, said, *S.* "Did-n't I see you in the gar-den with him?" *N.* A- gain Pe- ter



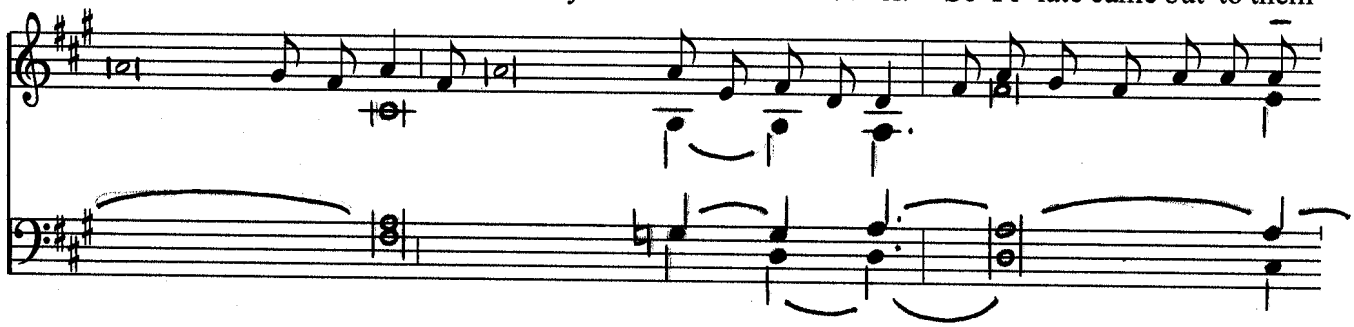
de-nied it. And im-mediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Je- sus from Cai- a- phas



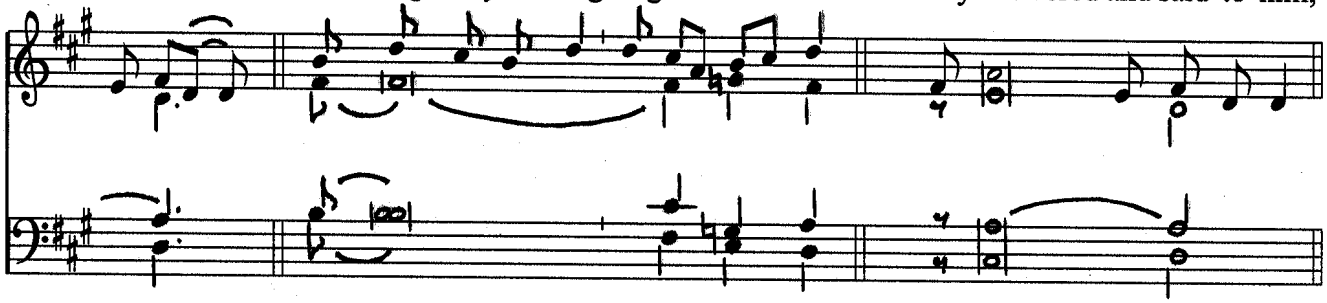
to the prae-to- ri- um. It was morn-ing. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in



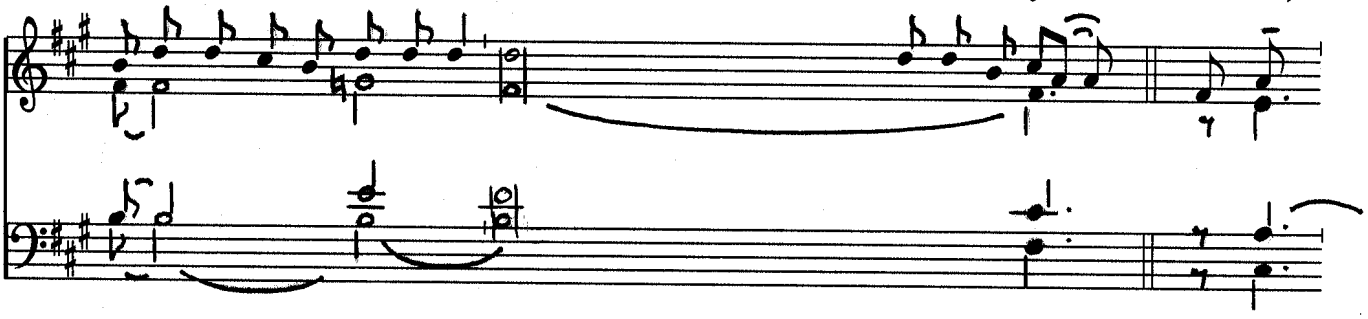
order not to be de-filed so that they could eat the Pass-ov- er. So Pi- late came out to them



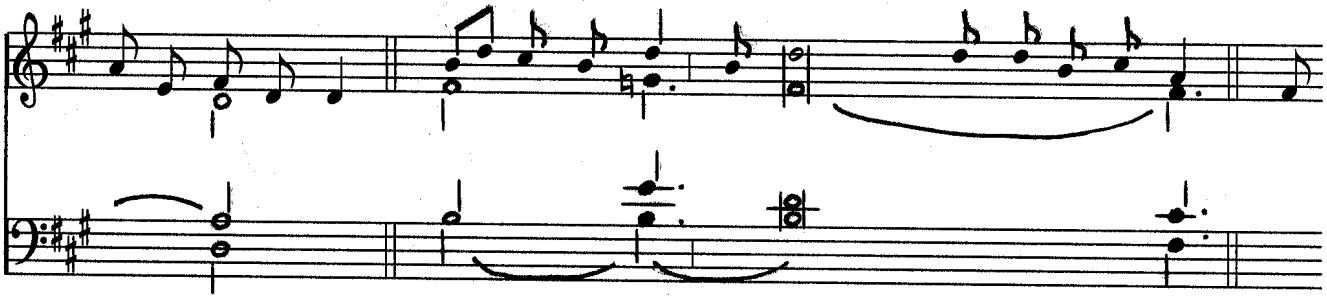
and said, *S.* "What charge do you bring a-gainst this man?" *N.* They answered and said to him,



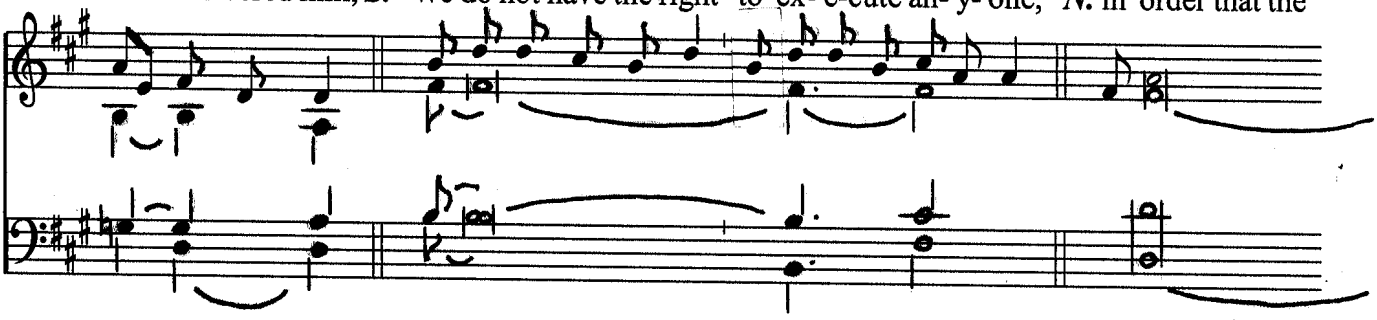
S. "If he were not a crim- i- nal, we would not have handed him o- ver to you." *N.* At this,



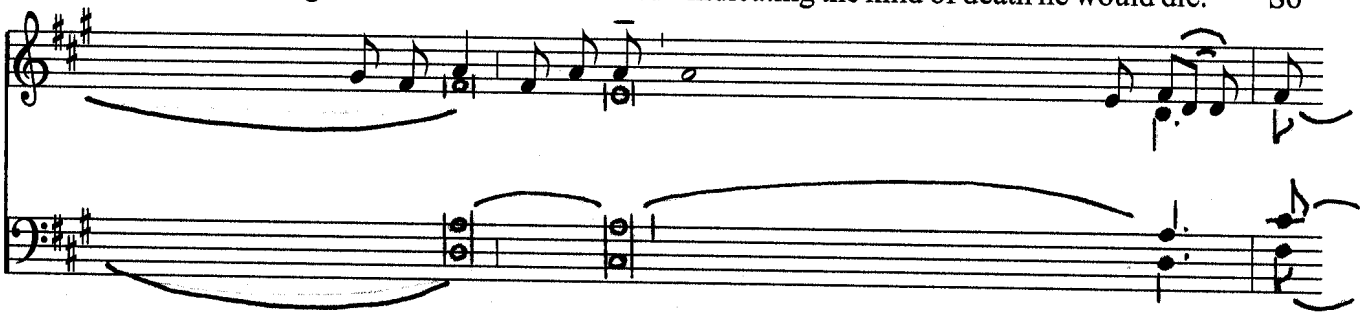
Pi- late said to them, *S.* "Take him yourselves, and judge him ac-cord-ing to your law." *N.* The



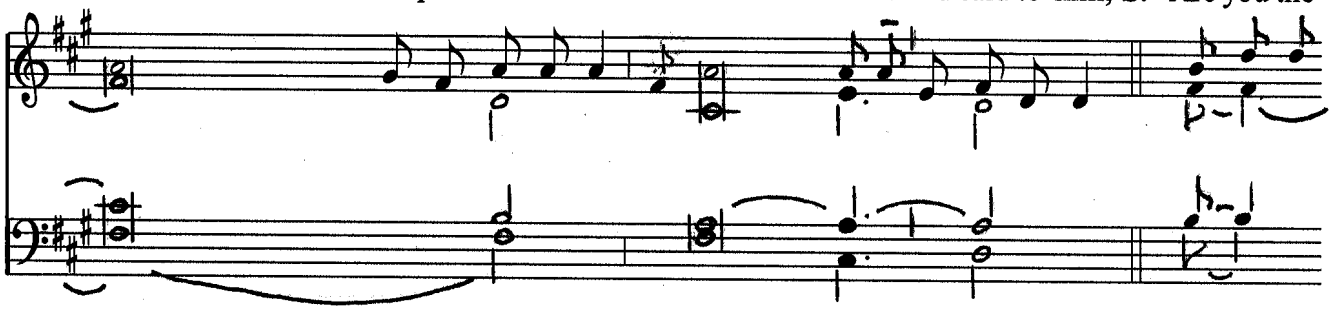
Jews answered him, *S.* " We do not have the right to ex- e-cute an- y- one," *N.* in order that the



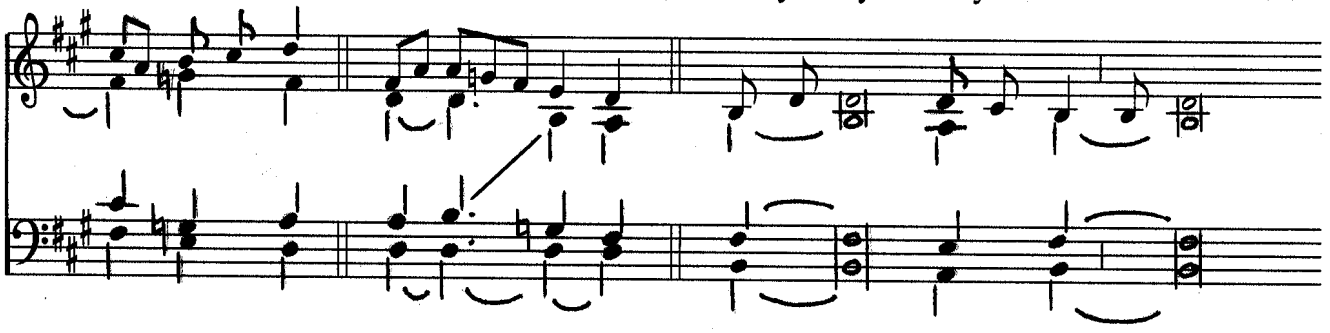
word of Jesus might be ful-filled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So



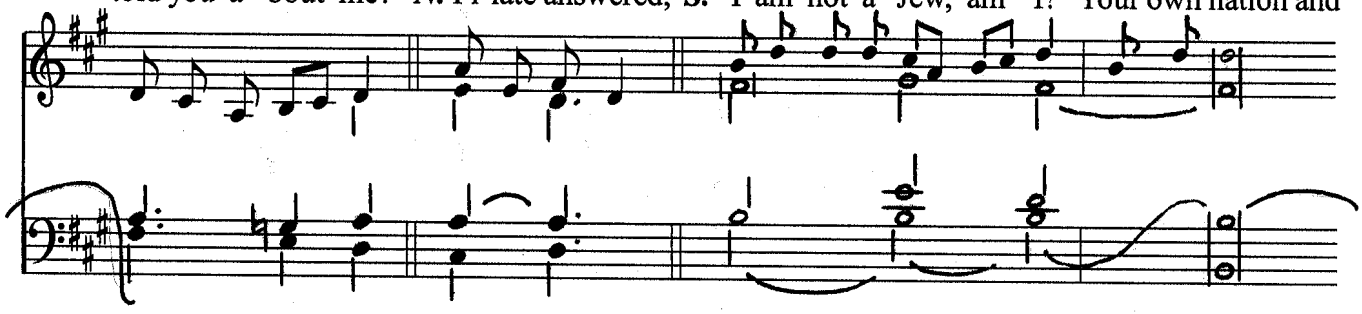
Pilate went back into the prae-tor- i- um and summoned Jesus and said to him, *S.* "Are you the



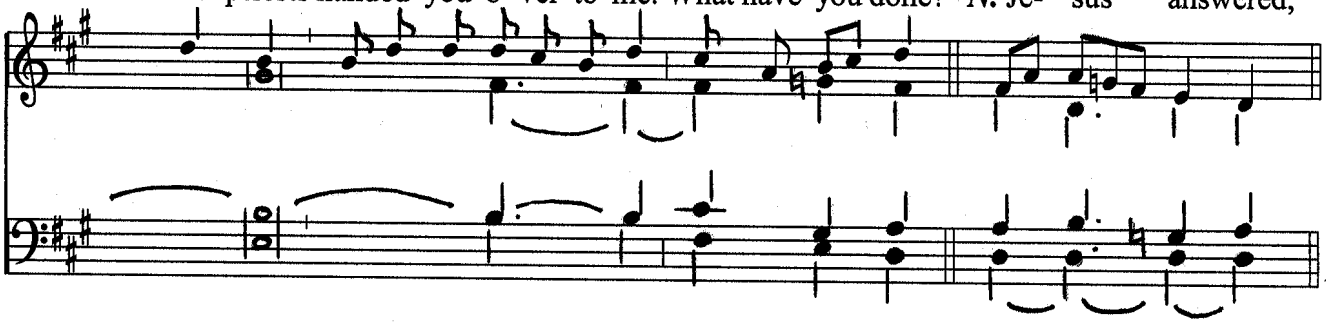
King of the Jews?" *N.* Je- sus answered, ✠ "Do you say this on your own or have others



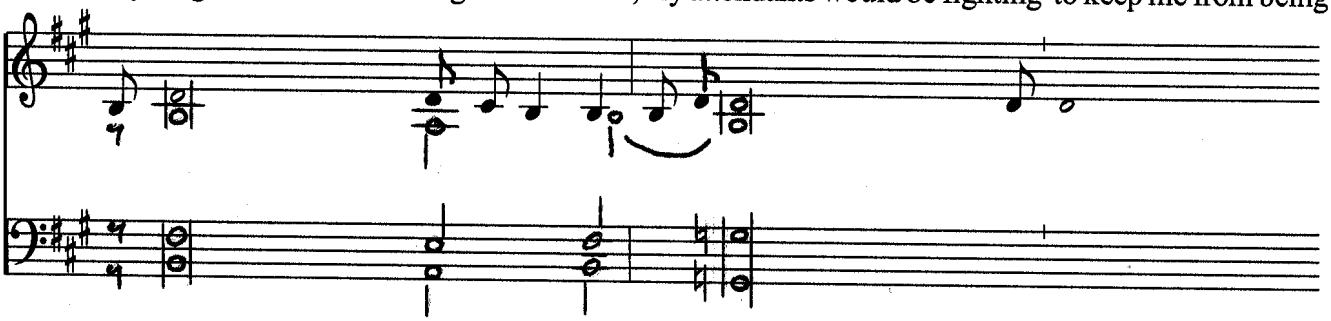
told you a- bout me?" *N.* Pi-late answered, *S.* "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and



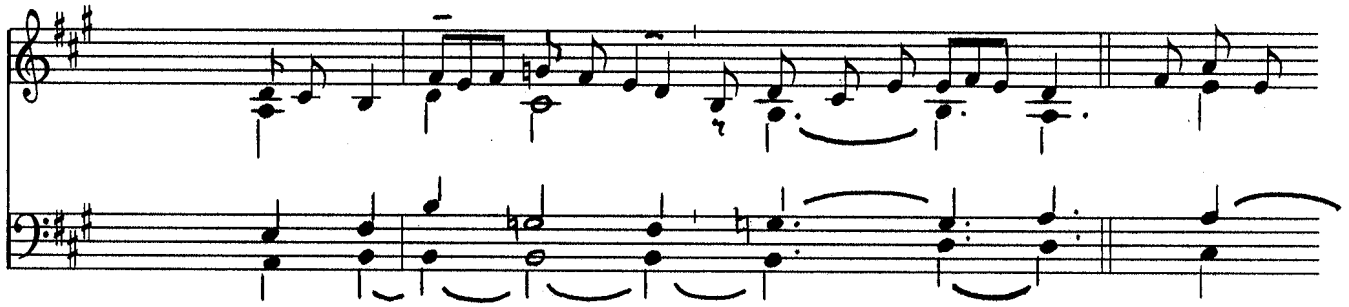
the chief priests handed you o- ver to me. What have you done?" *N.* Je- sus answered,



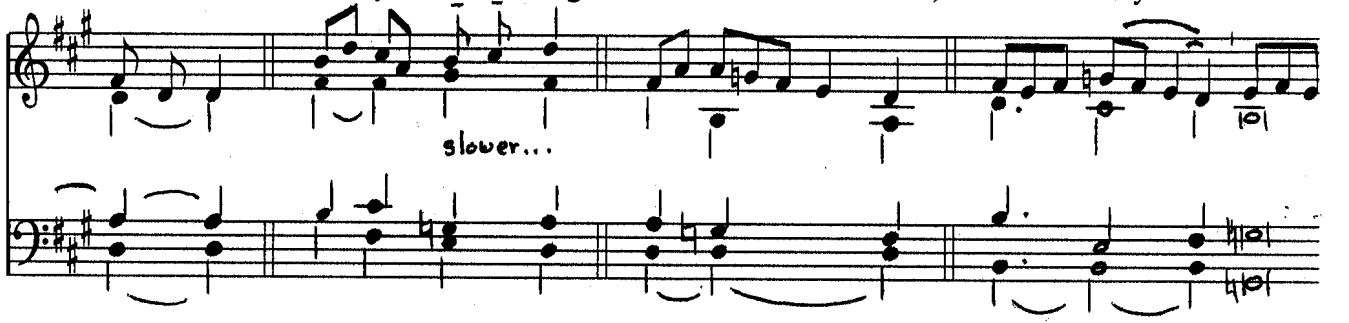
✠ "My kingdom does not belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being



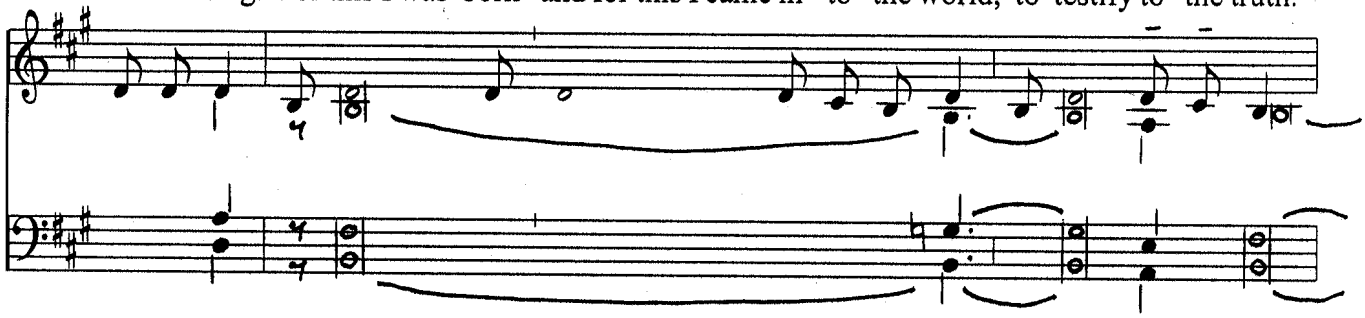
handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my king-dom is not here." *N.* So Pi- late



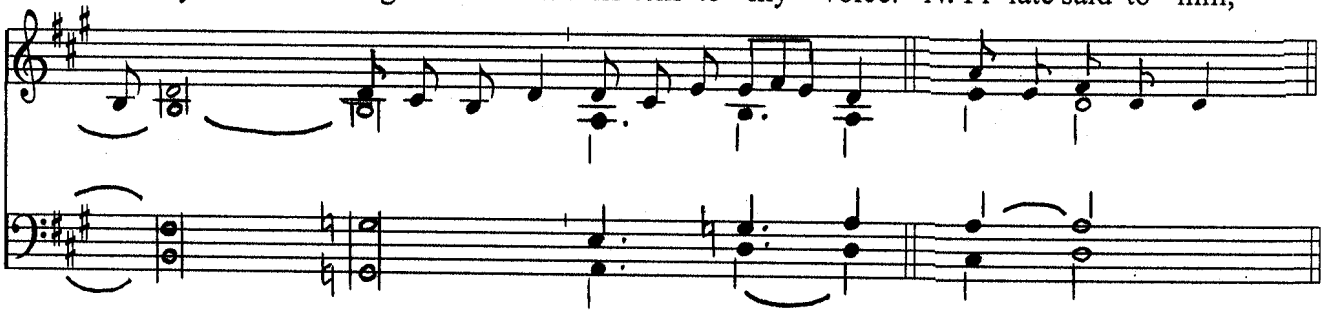
said to him, *S.* "Then you are a king?" *N.* Je- sus answered, ✠ "You say I



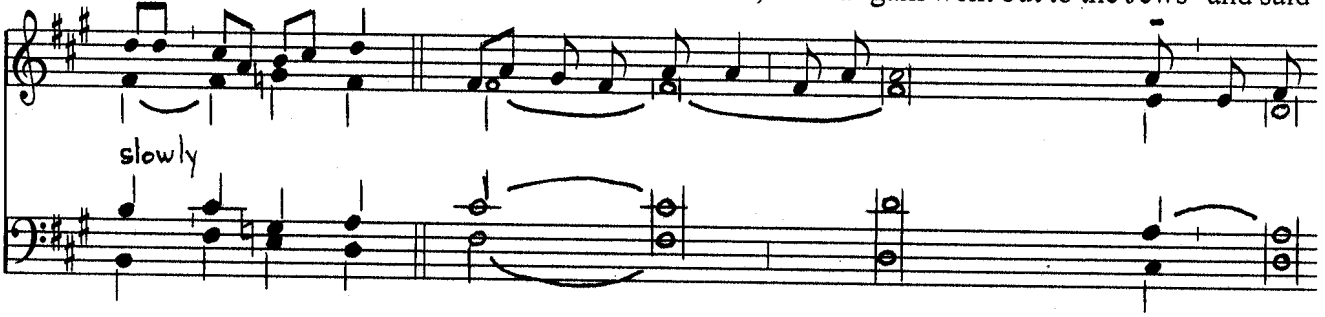
am a king. For this I was born and for this I came in- to the world, to testify to the truth.



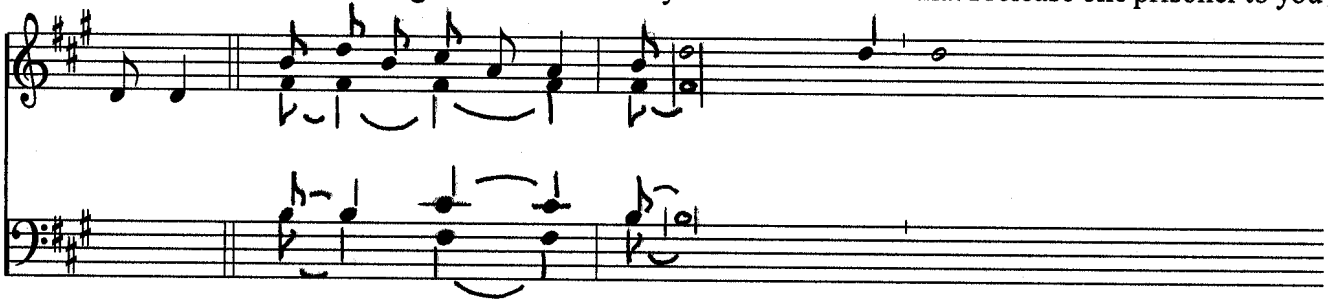
Ev-'ryone who belongs to the truth lis-tens to my voice." *N.* Pi- late said to him,



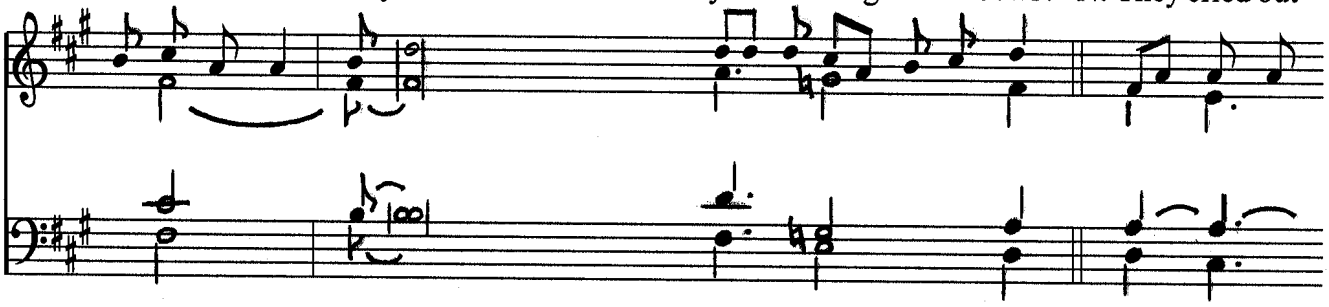
S. "Truth, what is truth?" *N.* When he had said this, he a- gain went out to the Jews and said



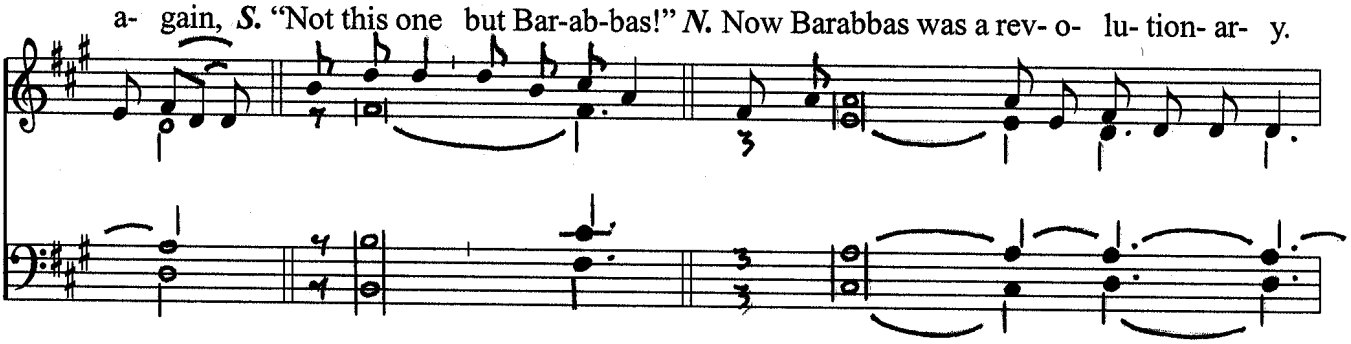
to them, *S.* "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you



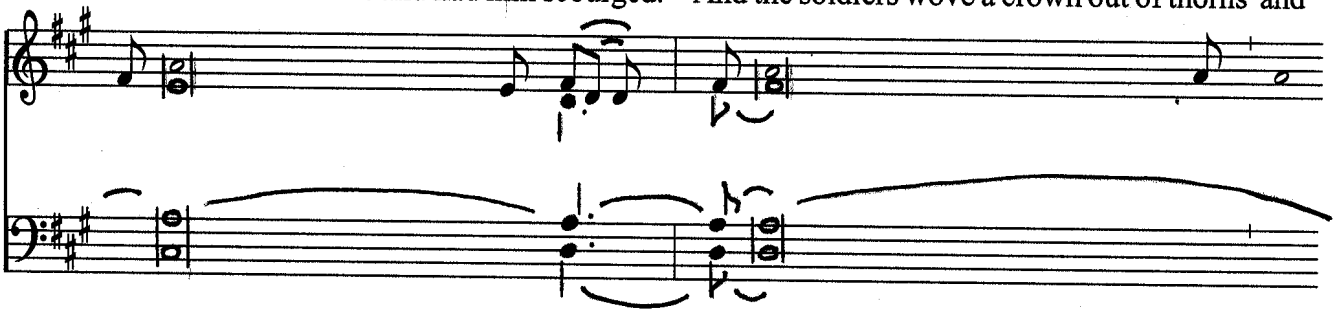
at Pass-ov- er. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" *N.* They cried out



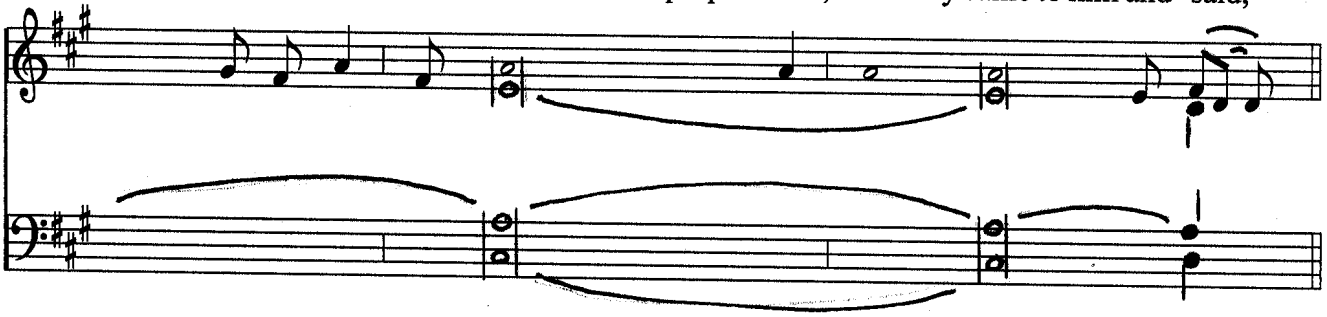
a- gain, *S.* "Not this one but Bar-ab-bas!" *N.* Now Barabbas was a rev- o- lu- tion- ar- y.



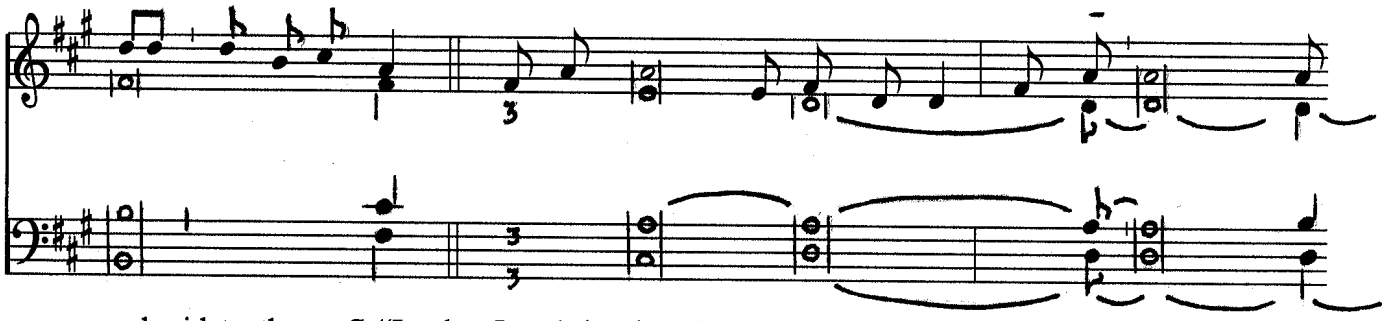
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and



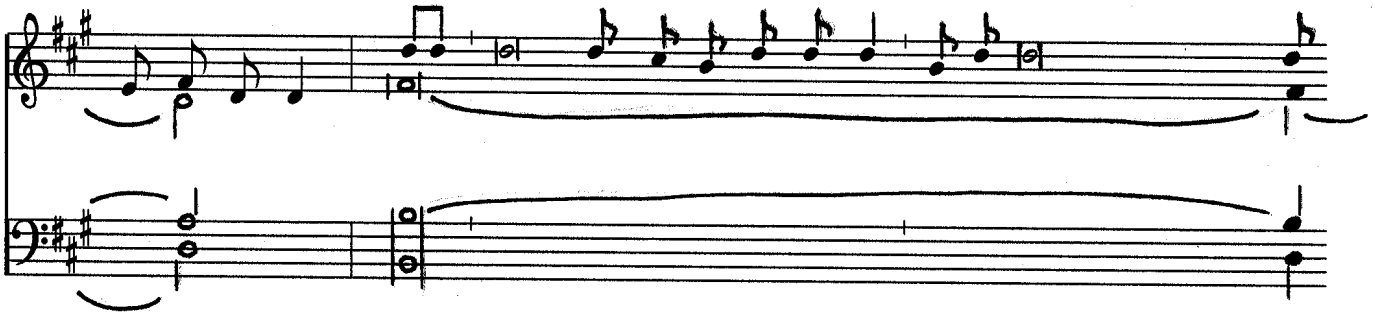
placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said,



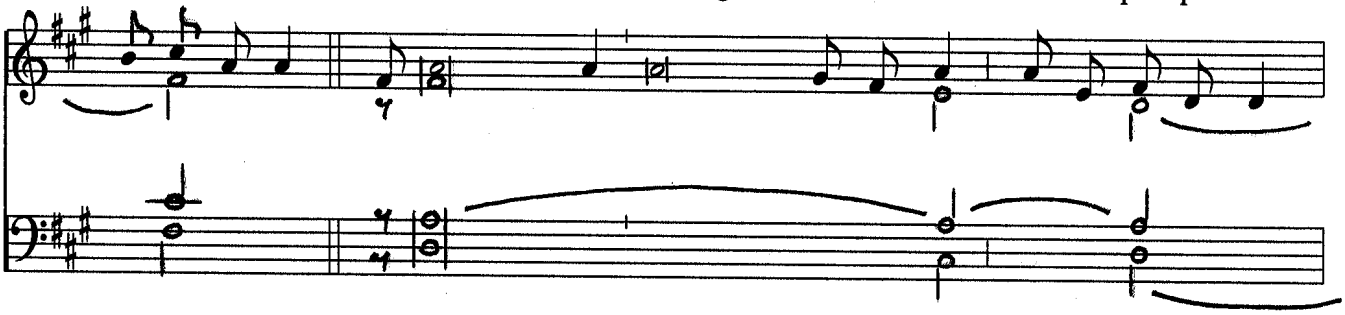
S. "Hail, King of the Jews!" *N.* And they struck him re- peat- ed- ly. Once more Pilate went out



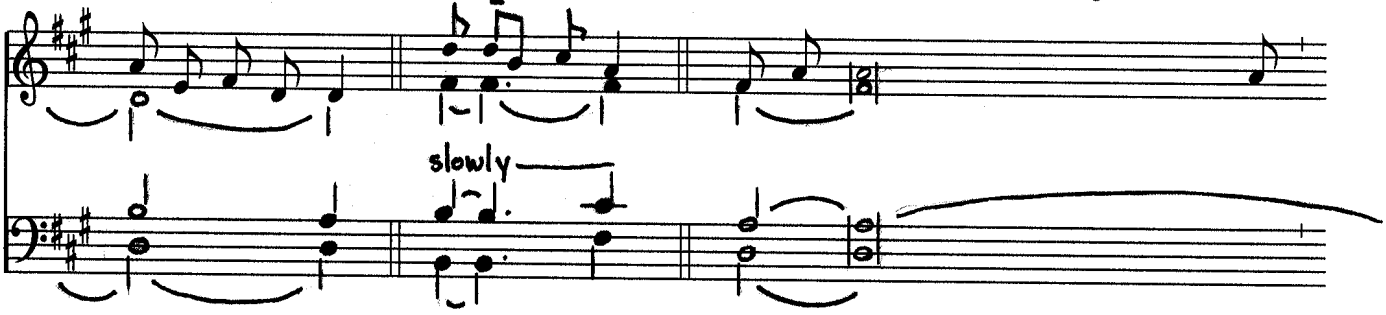
and said to them, *S.* "Look, I am bring-ing him out to you, so that you may know that I find



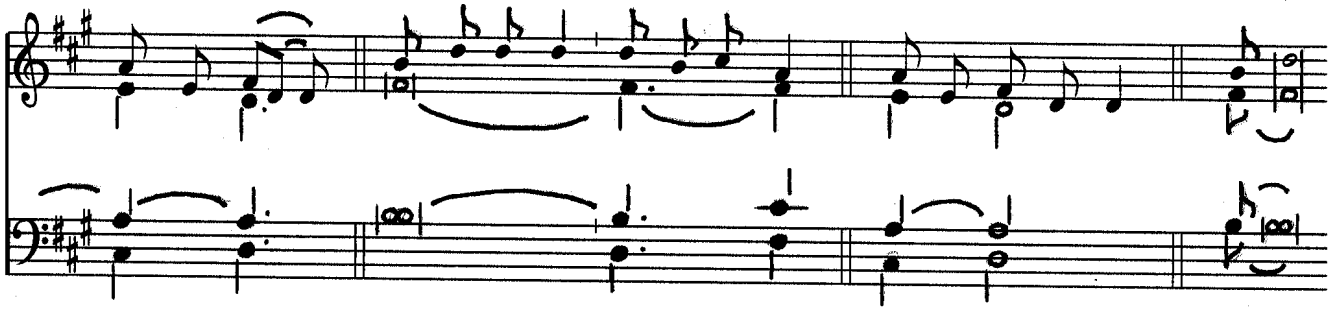
no guilt in him." *N.* So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the pur- ple cloak.



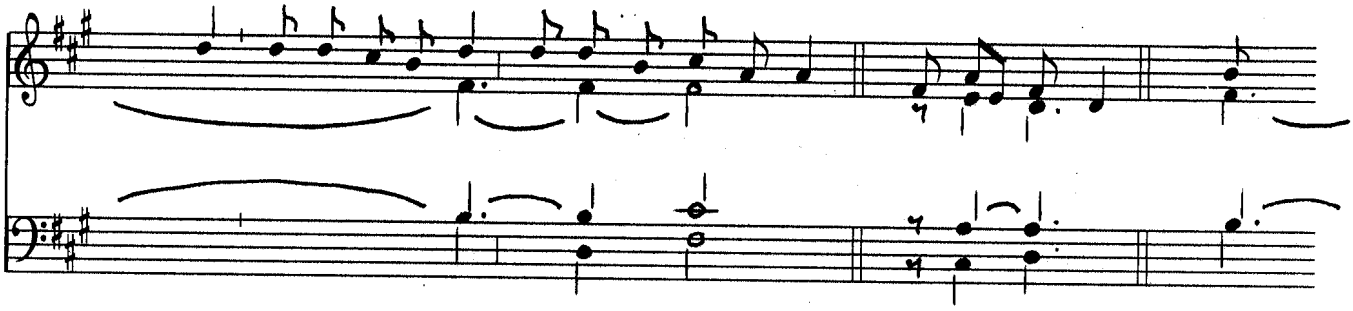
And he said to them, *S.* "Be-hold, the man!" *N.* When the chief priests and the guards saw him



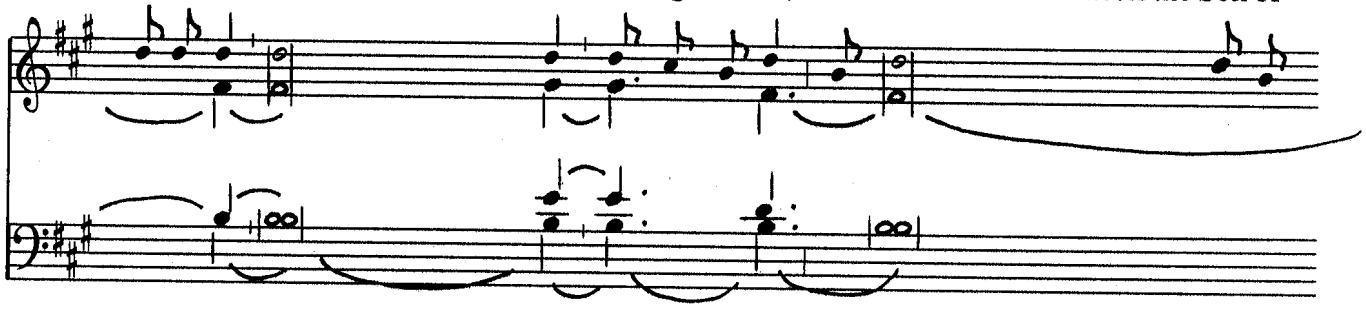
they cried out, *S.* "Cru- ci- fy him, cru- ci- fy him!" *N.* Pi- late said to them, *S.* "Take him



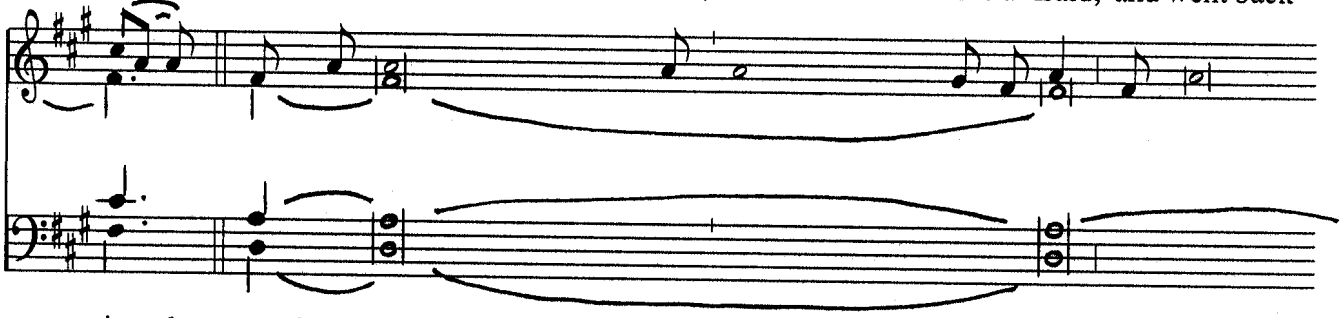
yourselves and cru- ci- fy him. I find no guilt in him." *N.* The Jews answered, *S.* "We



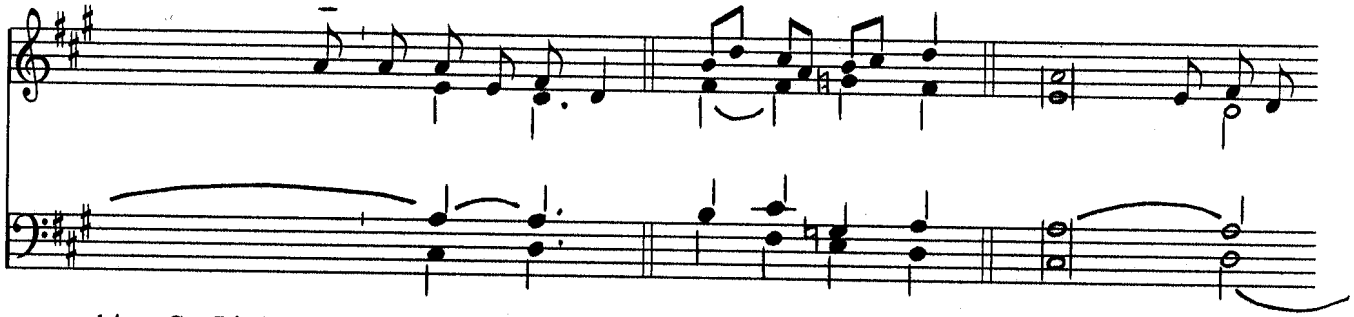
have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, be-cause he made himself the Son of



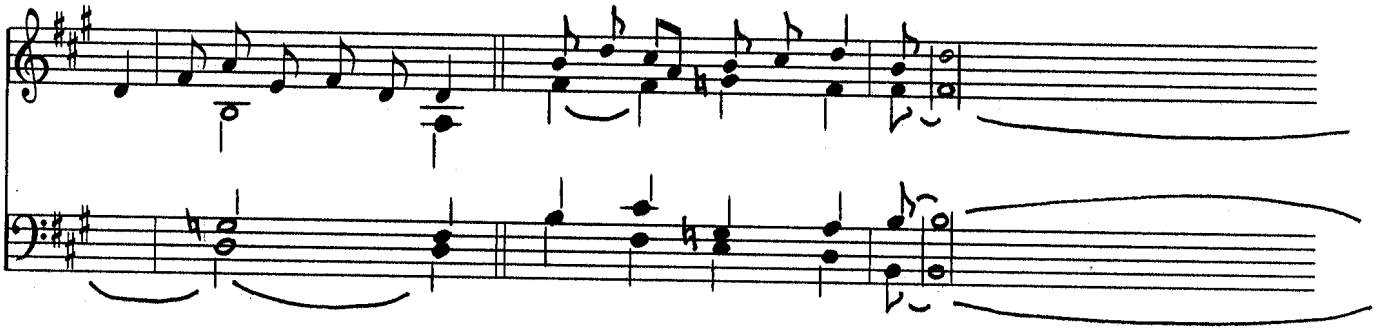
God." *N.* Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more a- fraid, and went back



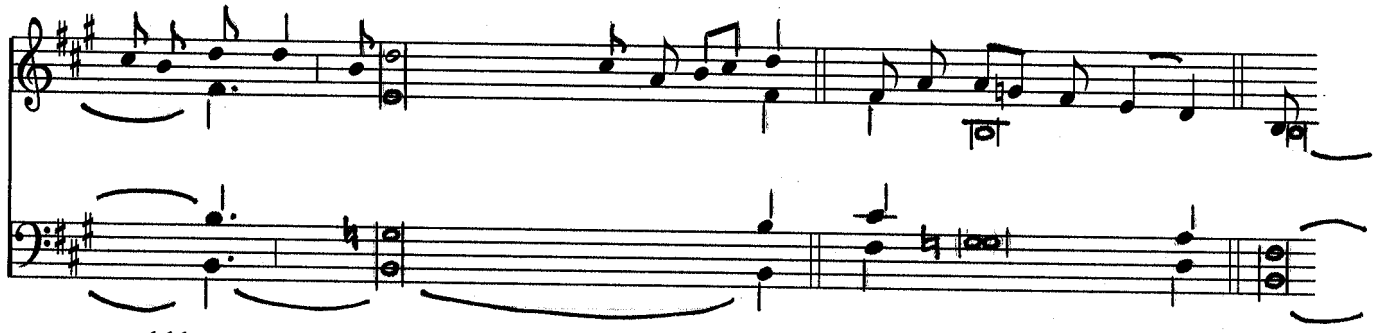
into the praetorium and said to Je- sus, *S.* "Where are you from?" *N.* Jesus did not answer



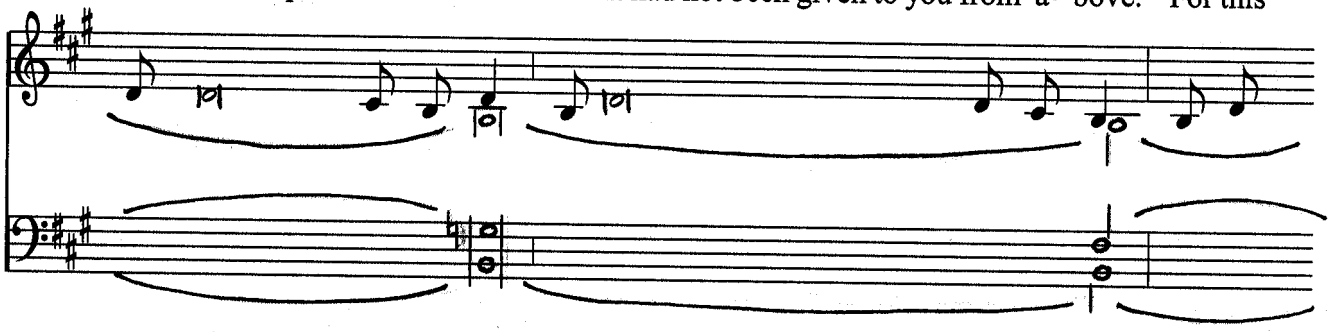
him. So Pi- late said to him, *S.* "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power



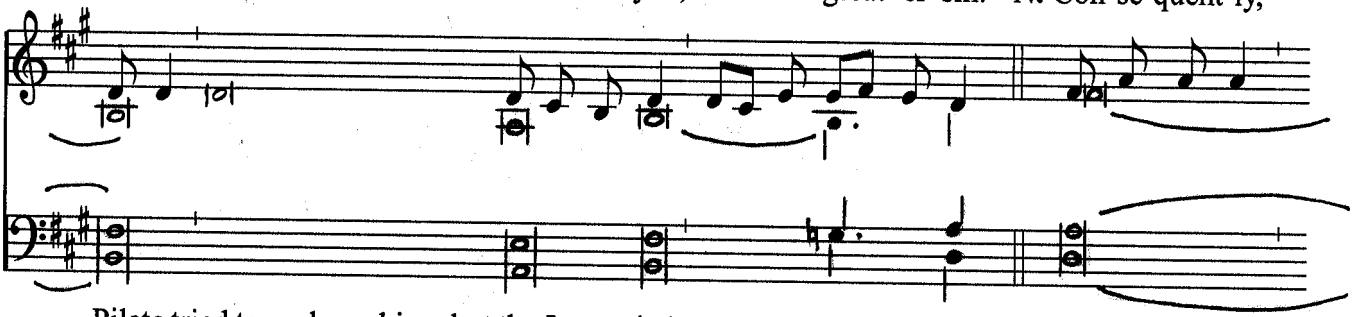
to re-lease you and I have power to cru- ci- fy you?" *N.* Je- sus an- swered him, ✠ "You



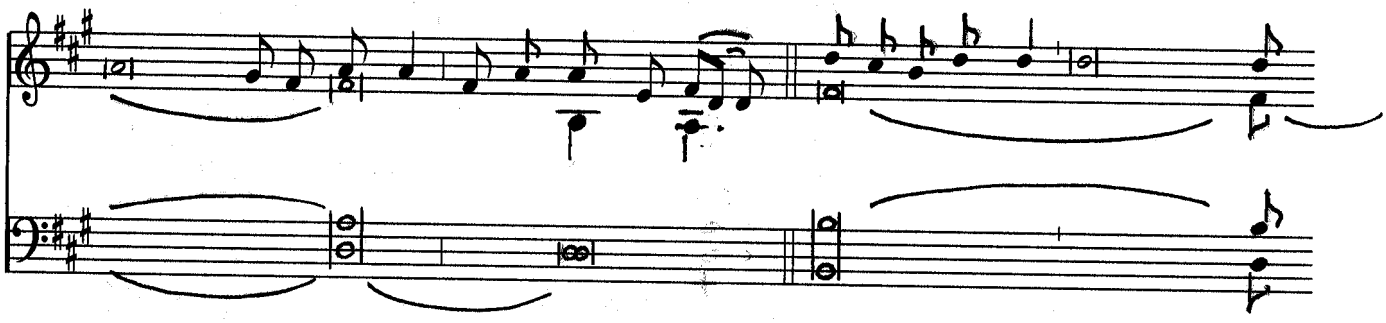
would have no power o- ver me if it had not been given to you from a- bove. For this



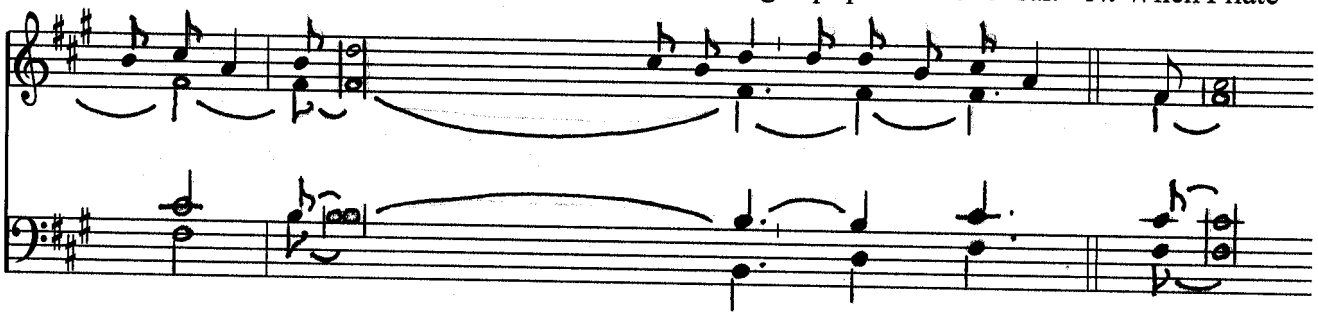
rea-son the one who handed me o- ver to you, has the great- er sin." *N.* Con-se-quent-ly,



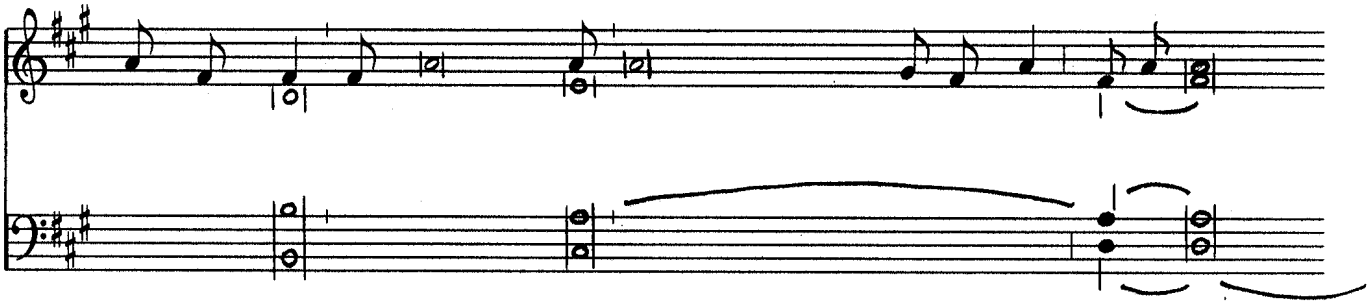
Pilate tried to re-lease him; but the Jews cried out, *S.* If you release him, you are not a Friend



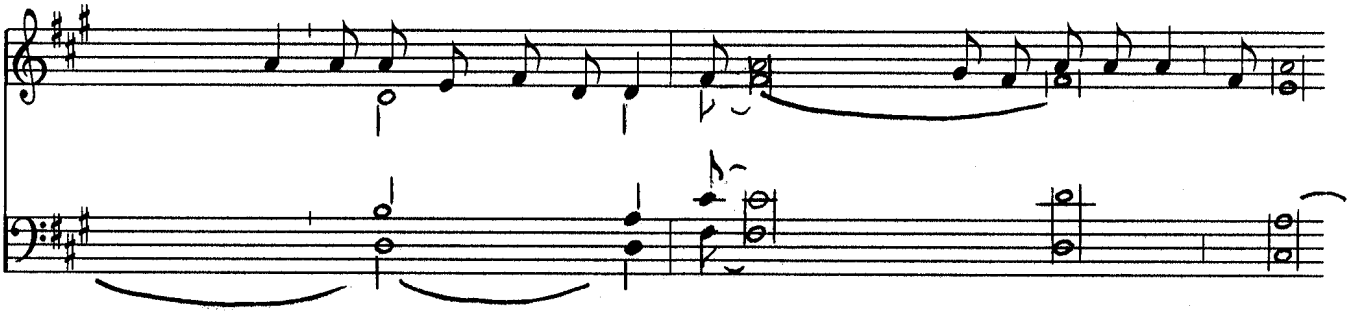
of Cae-sar. Ev-'ry- one who makes himself a king op- pos- es Cae- sar." *N.* When Pilate



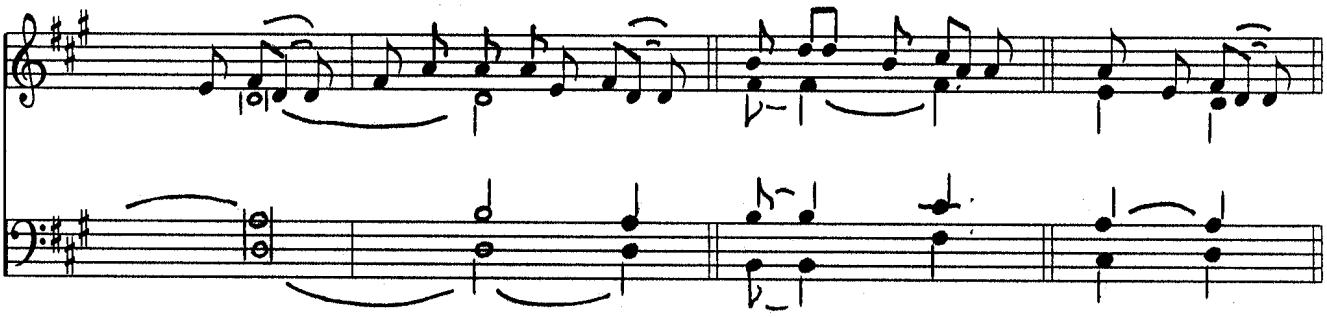
heard these words, he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge 's bench in the place called



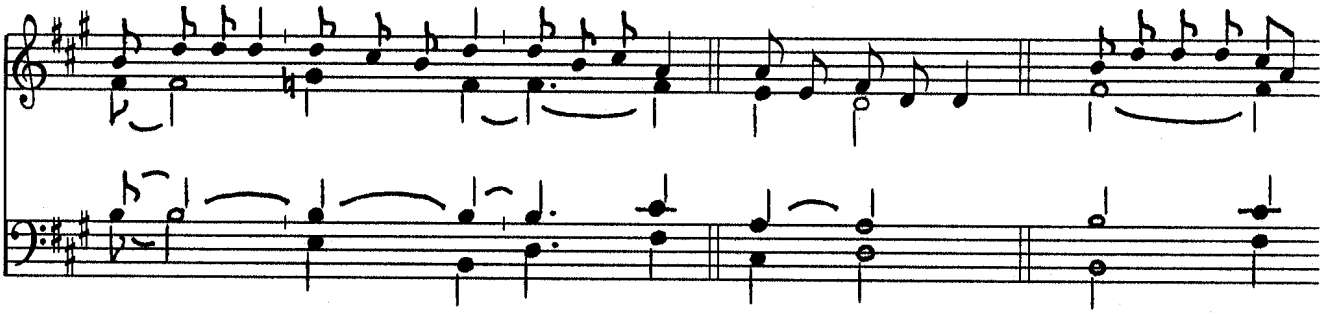
Stone Pavement, in He-brew, Gab- ba- tha. It was preparation day for Pass-o- ver, and it



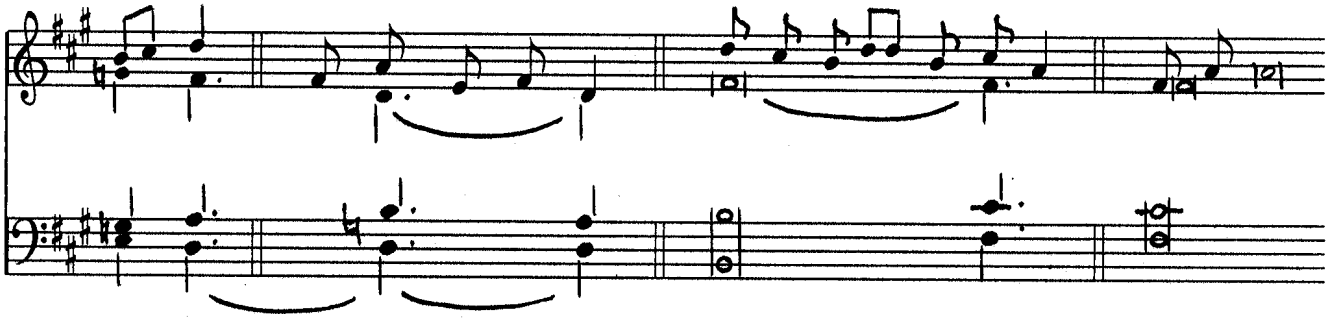
was a-bout noon. And he said to the Jews, *S.* "Be- hold, your king!" *N.* They cried out,



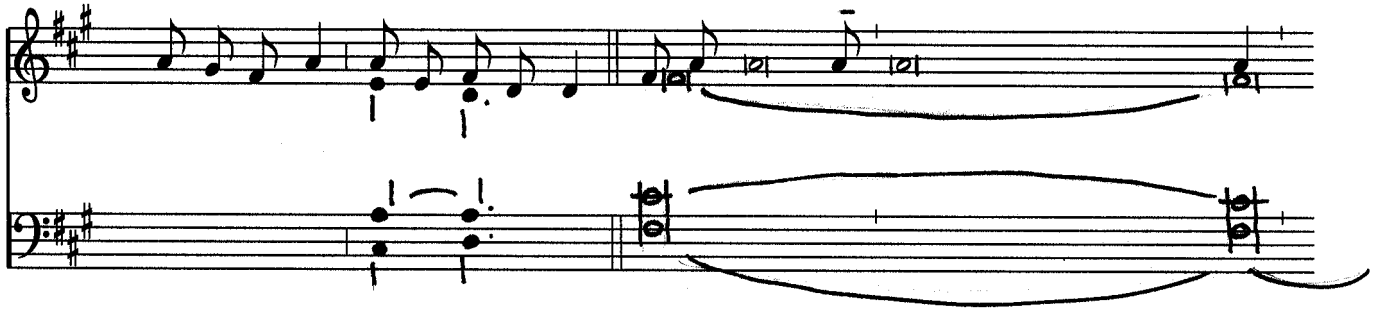
S. "Take him away, take him a-way! Cru-ci- fy him!" *N.* Pi-late said to them, *S.* "Shall I cru- ci- fy



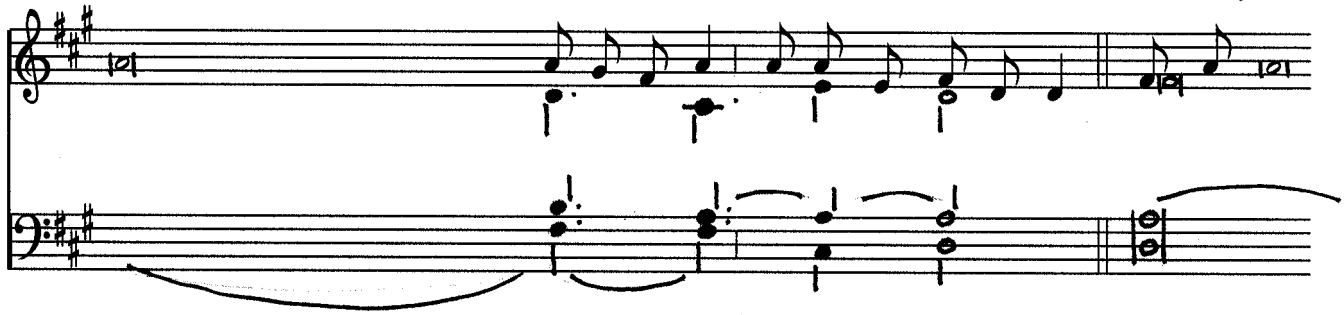
your king?" *N.* The chief priests answered, *S.* " We have no king but Cae-sar." *N.* Then he handed



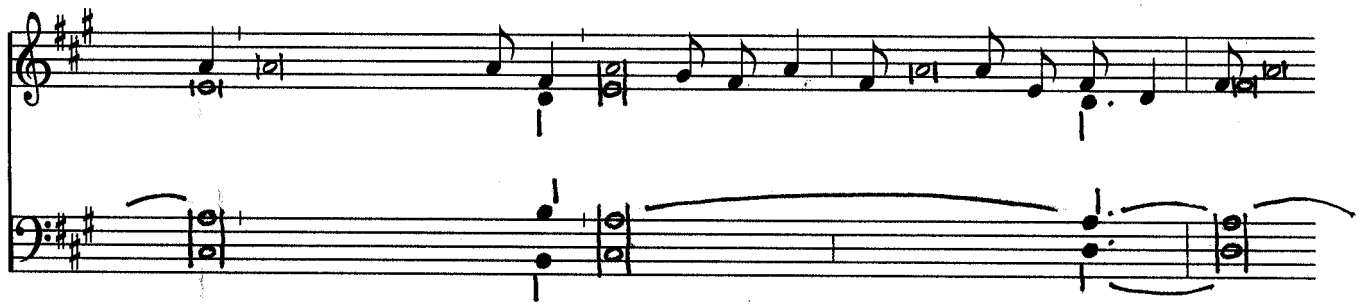
him o- ver to them to be cru- ci- fied. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,



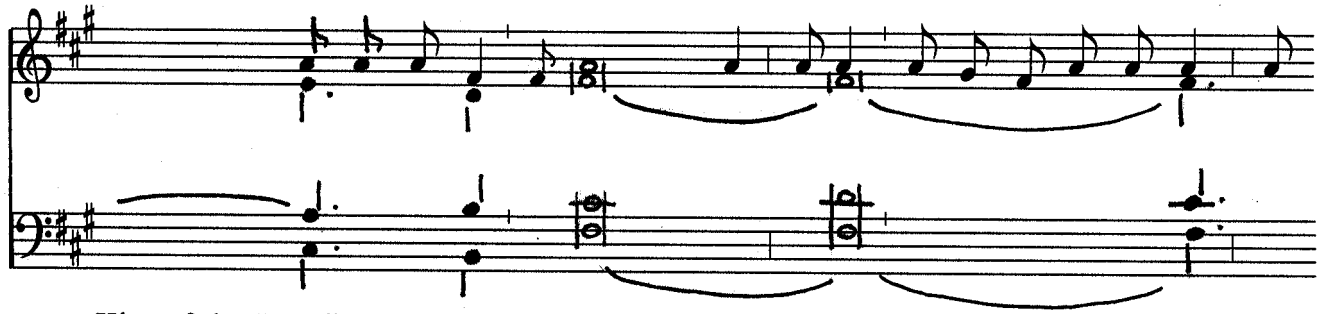
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in He-brew, Gol- go- tha. There they cru-



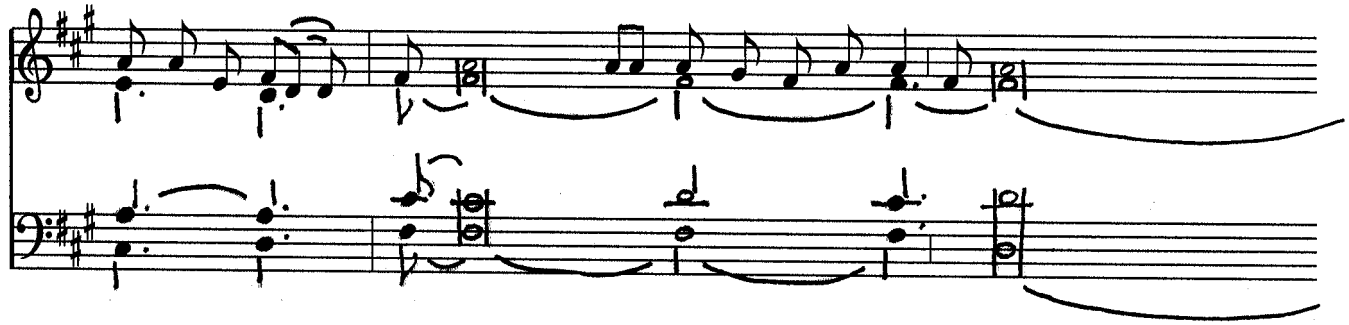
cified him, and with him two oth- ers, one on ei- ther side, with Jesus in the mid- dle. Pi- late



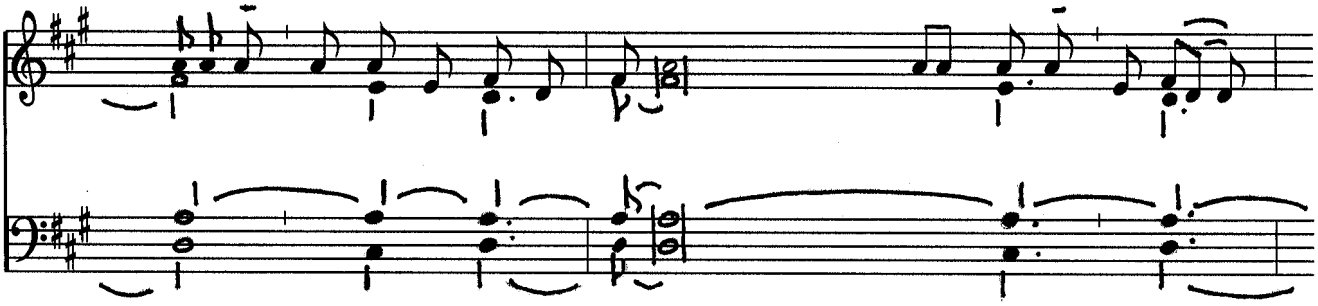
also had an inscription writ-ten and put on the cross. It read, "Je- sus the Naz- a- rene, the



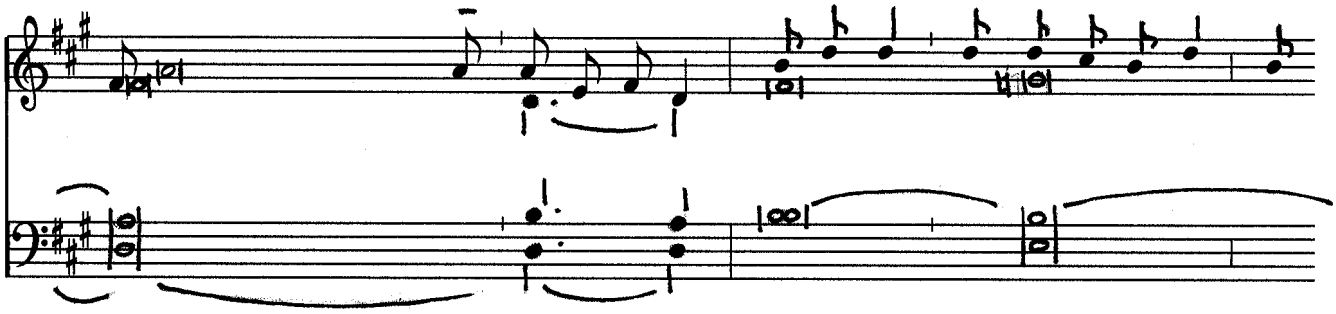
King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this in-scription, because the place where Jesus



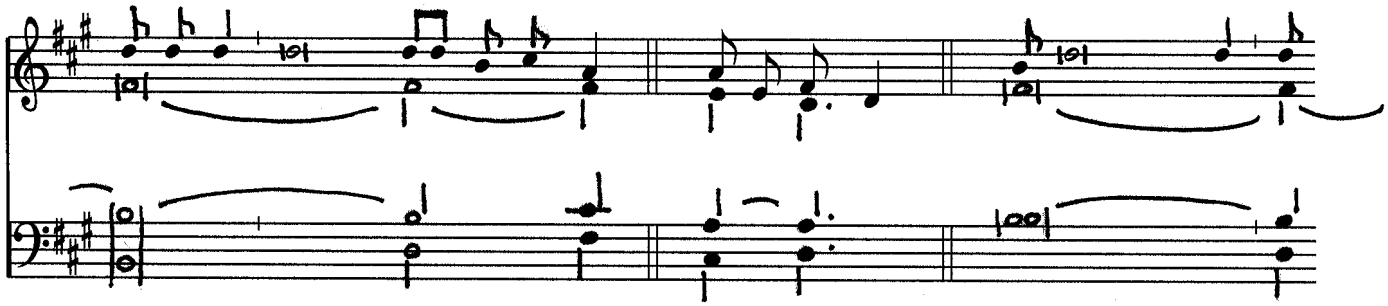
was crucified was near the cit- y; and it was written in Hebrew, La- tin, and Greek.



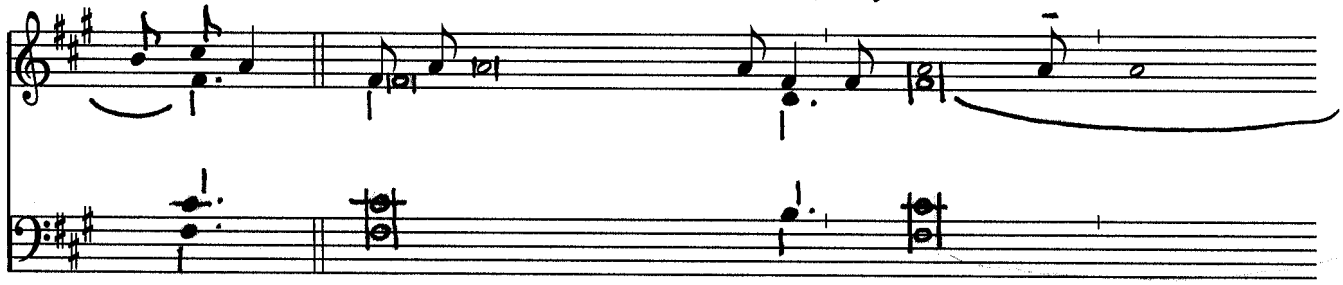
So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pi-late, *S.* "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but



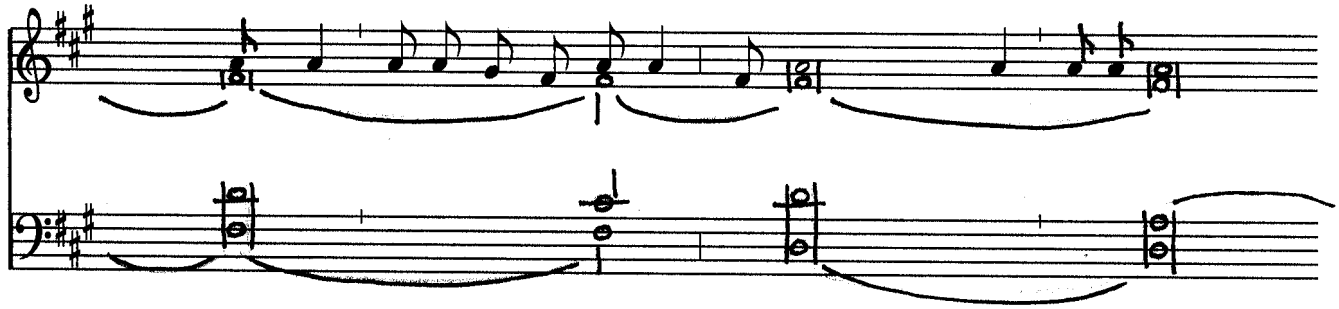
that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.' " *N.* Pi-late answered, *S.* "What I have written, I



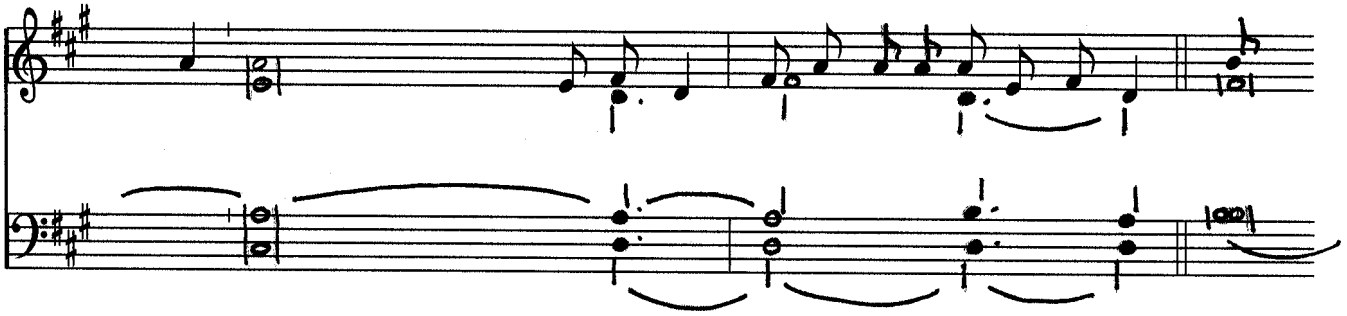
have writ-ten." *N.* When the soldiers had crucified Je-sus, they took his clothes and divided



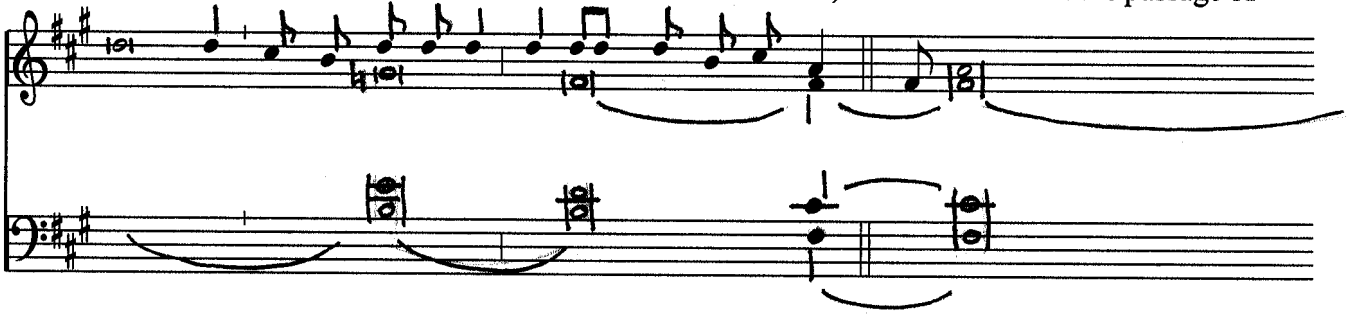
them into four shares, a share for each sol-dier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was



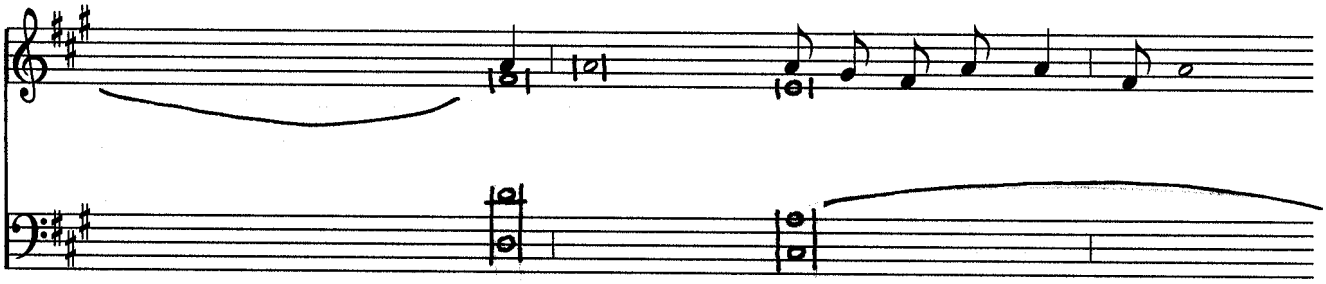
seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one an- oth- er, *S.* "Let's



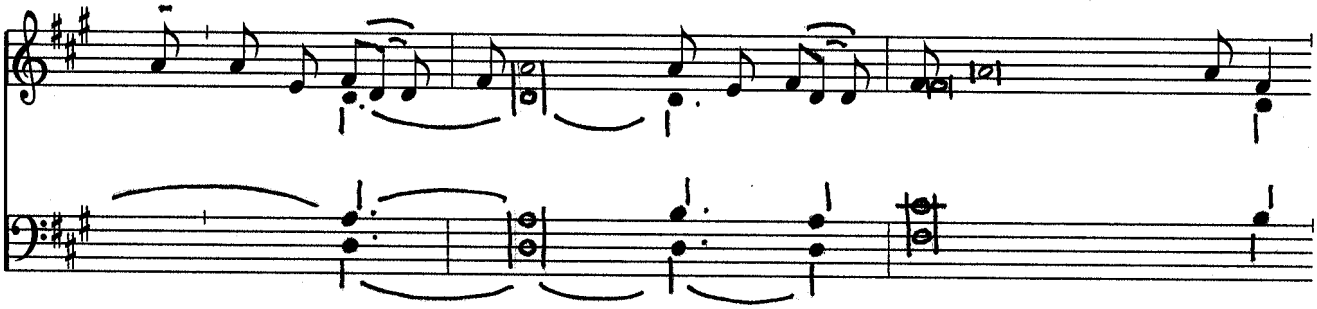
not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," *N.* in order that the passage of



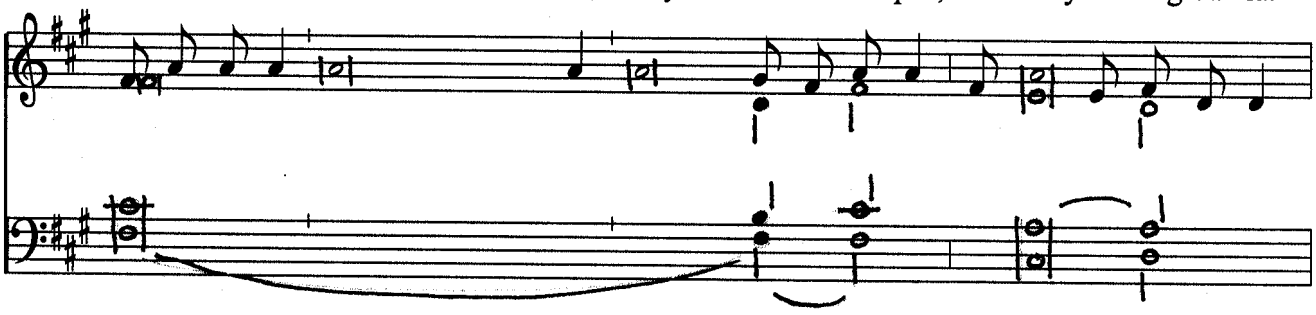
Scripture might be fulfilled that says: They divided my garments a- mong them, and for my



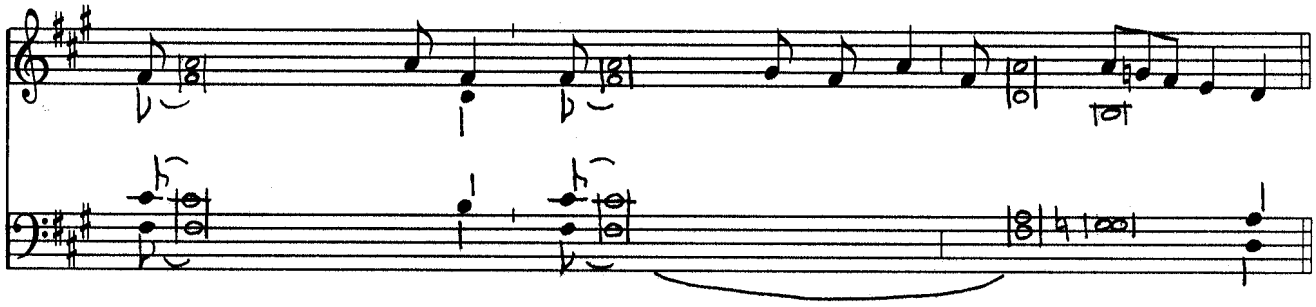
vesture they cast lots. This is what the sol-diers did. Stand-ing by the cross of Je- sus



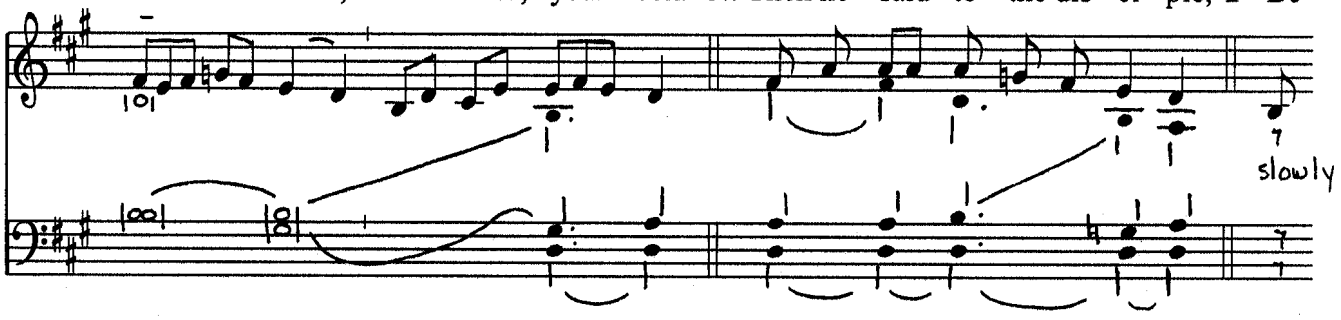
were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clo-pas, and Mary of Mag-da- la.



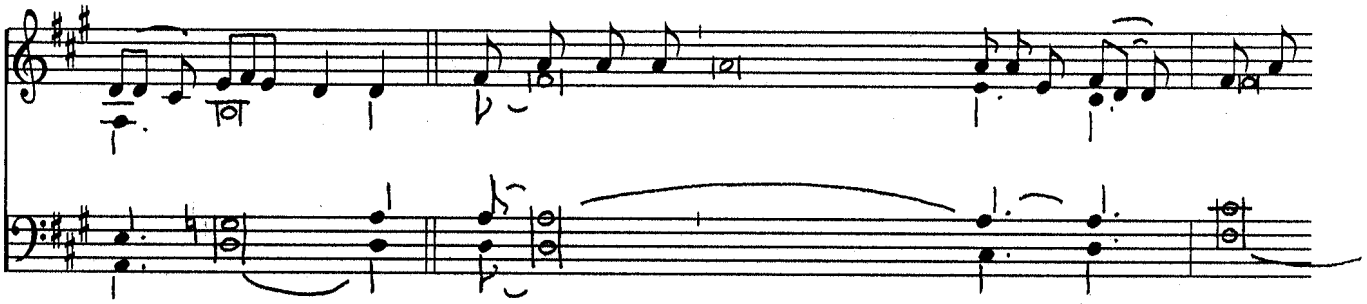
When Je- sus saw his moth- er and the disciple whom he loved he said to his moth-er,



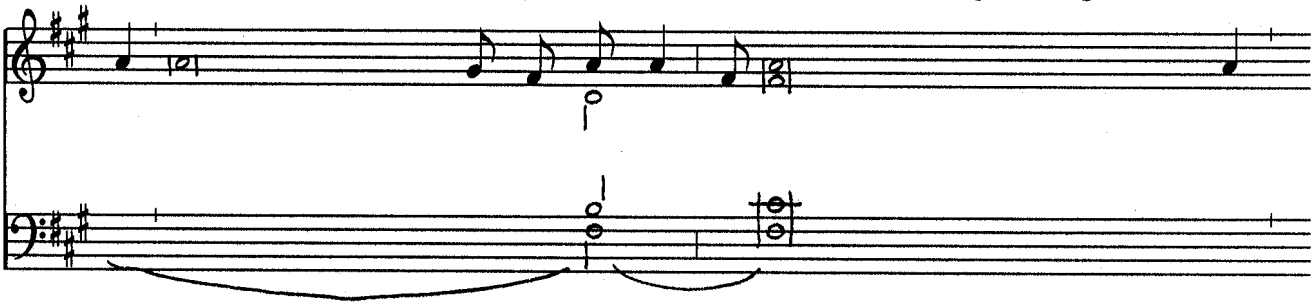
✠ "Wo- man, be- hold, your son." *N.* Then he said to the dis- ci- ple, ✠ "Be-



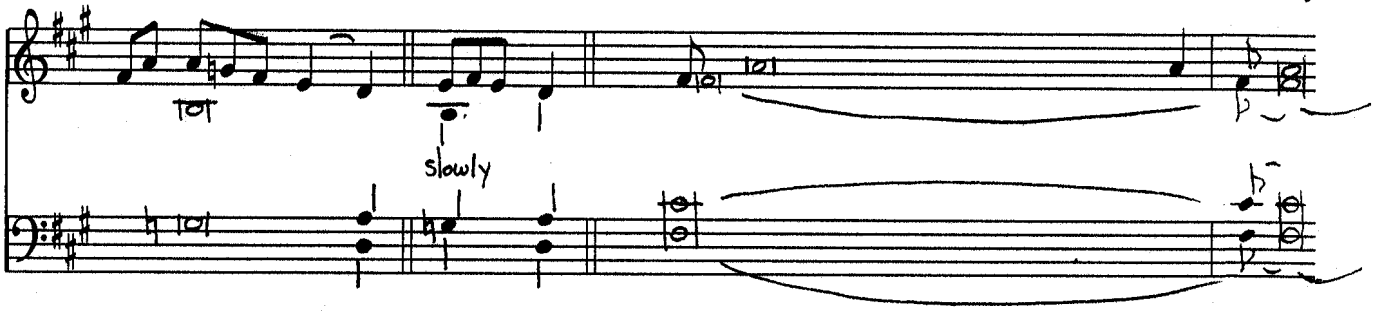
hold, your moth-er." *N.* And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. Af- ter



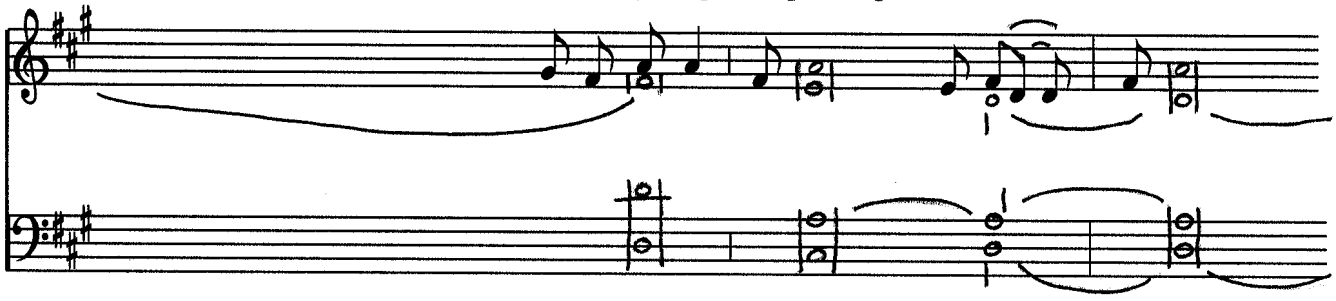
this, aware that everything was now fin-ished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,



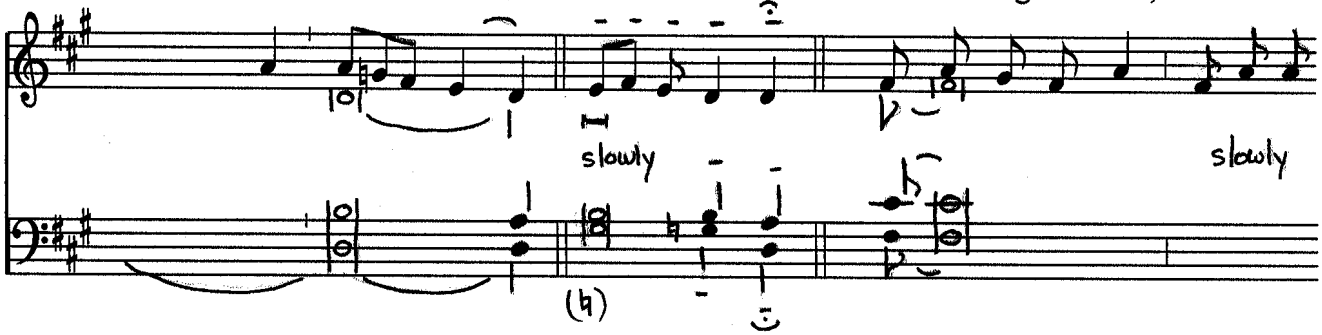
Je- sus said, ✠ "I thirst." *N.* There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they



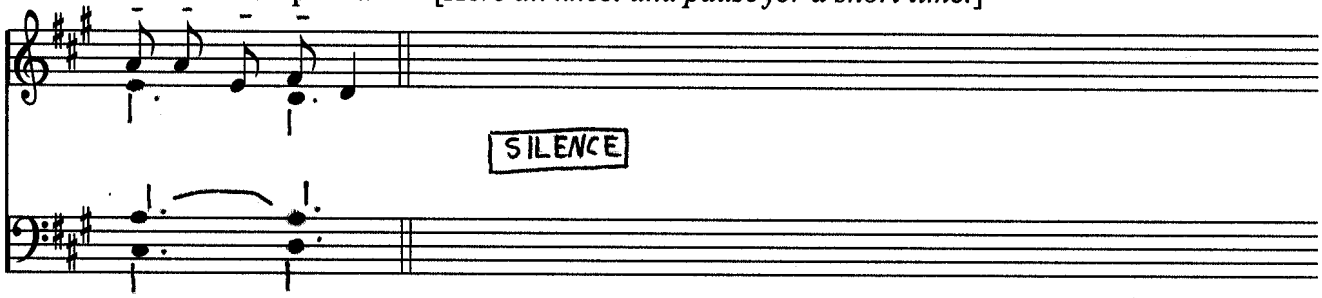
put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hys-sop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had



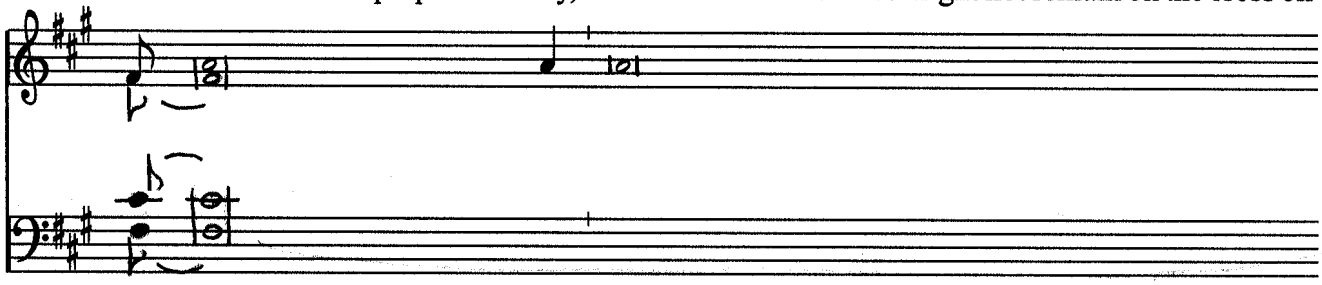
taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." *N.* And bow-ing his head, he handed



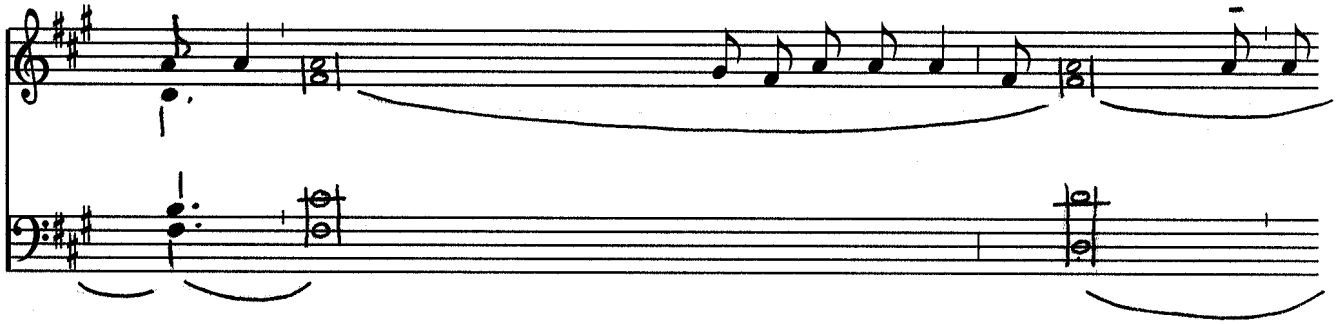
o- ver the spir- it. [*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*]



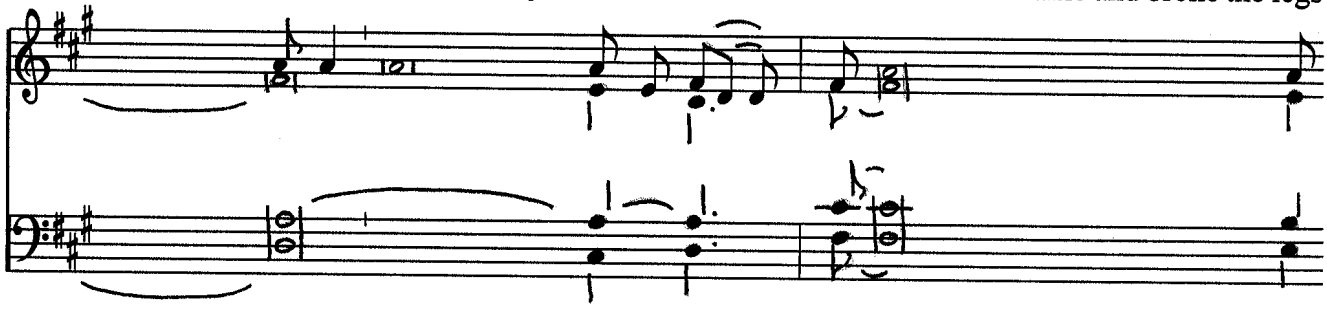
N. Now since it was the preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on



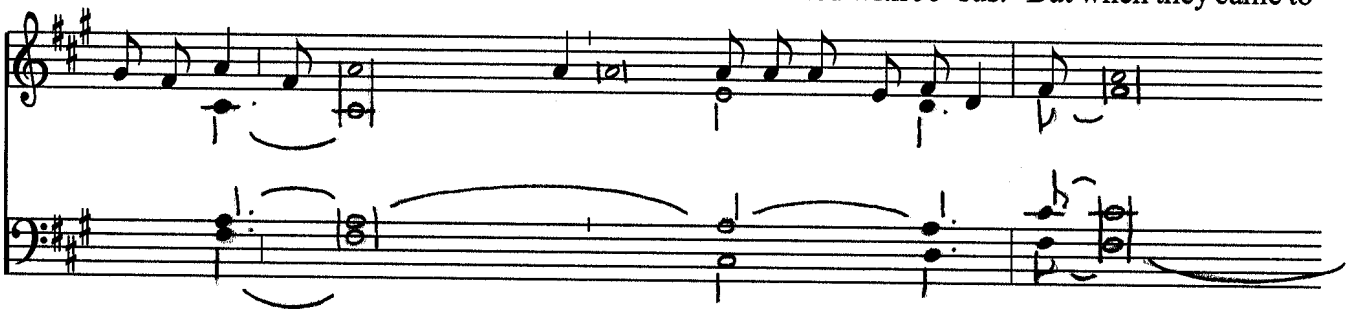
the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a sol-emn one, the Jews asked Pilate that



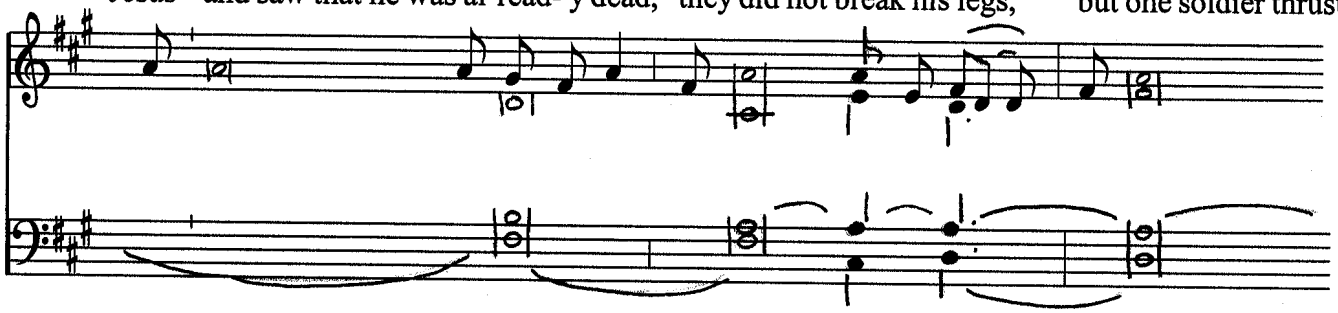
their legs be broken and that they be tak- en down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs



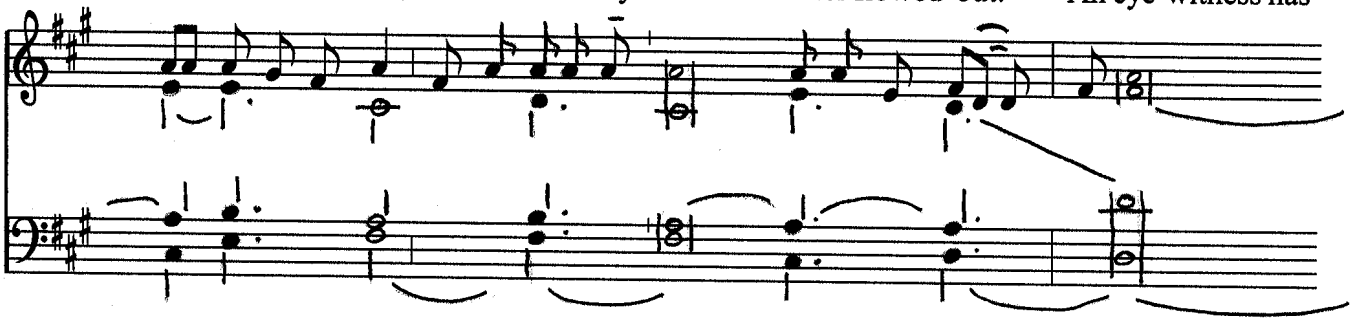
of the first and then of the other one who was cru- ci-fied with Je- sus. But when they came to



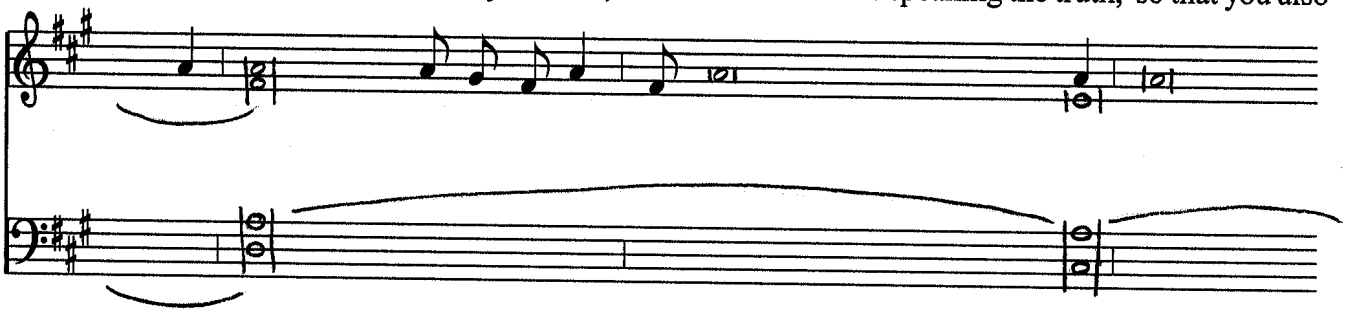
Jesus and saw that he was al-read- y dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust



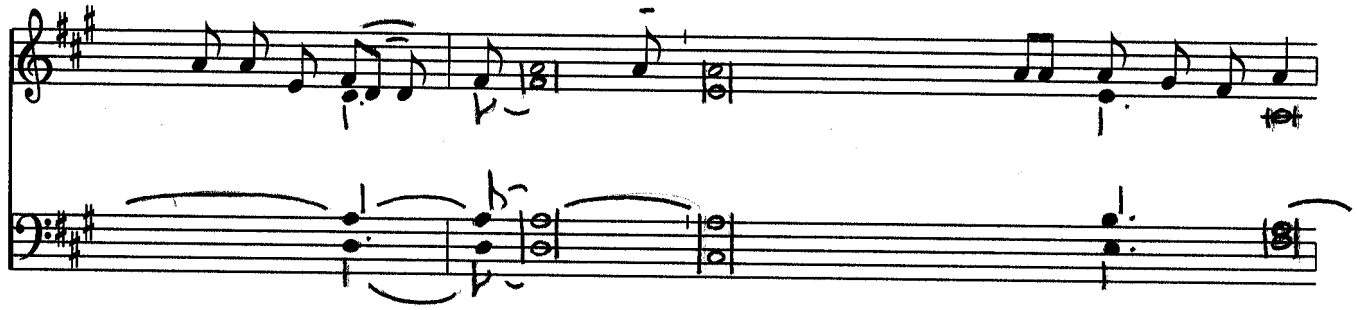
his lance in- to his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eye-witness has



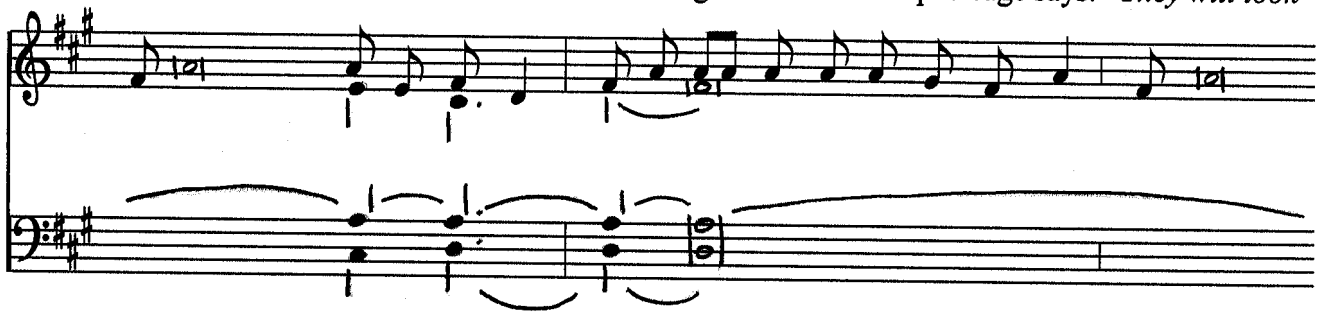
testified, and his testi- mo- ny is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also



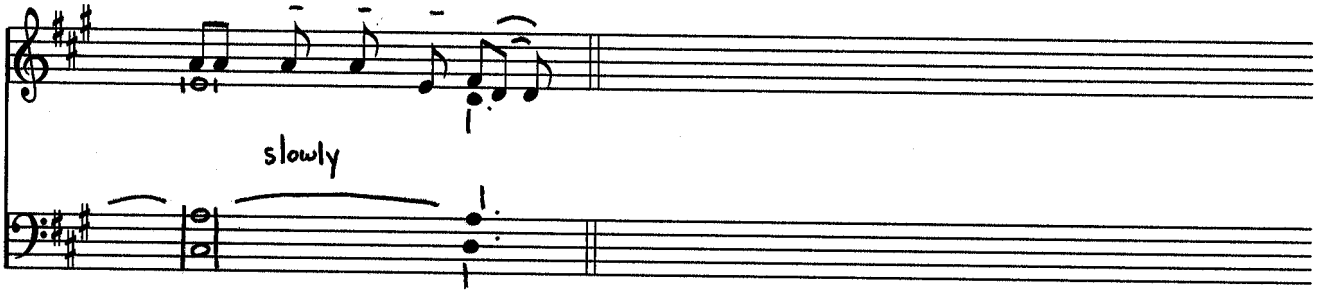
may come to be- lieve. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be ful-filled:



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



upon him whom they have pierced.



[*The Organ is silent for 3 counts, then plays next chord.*]

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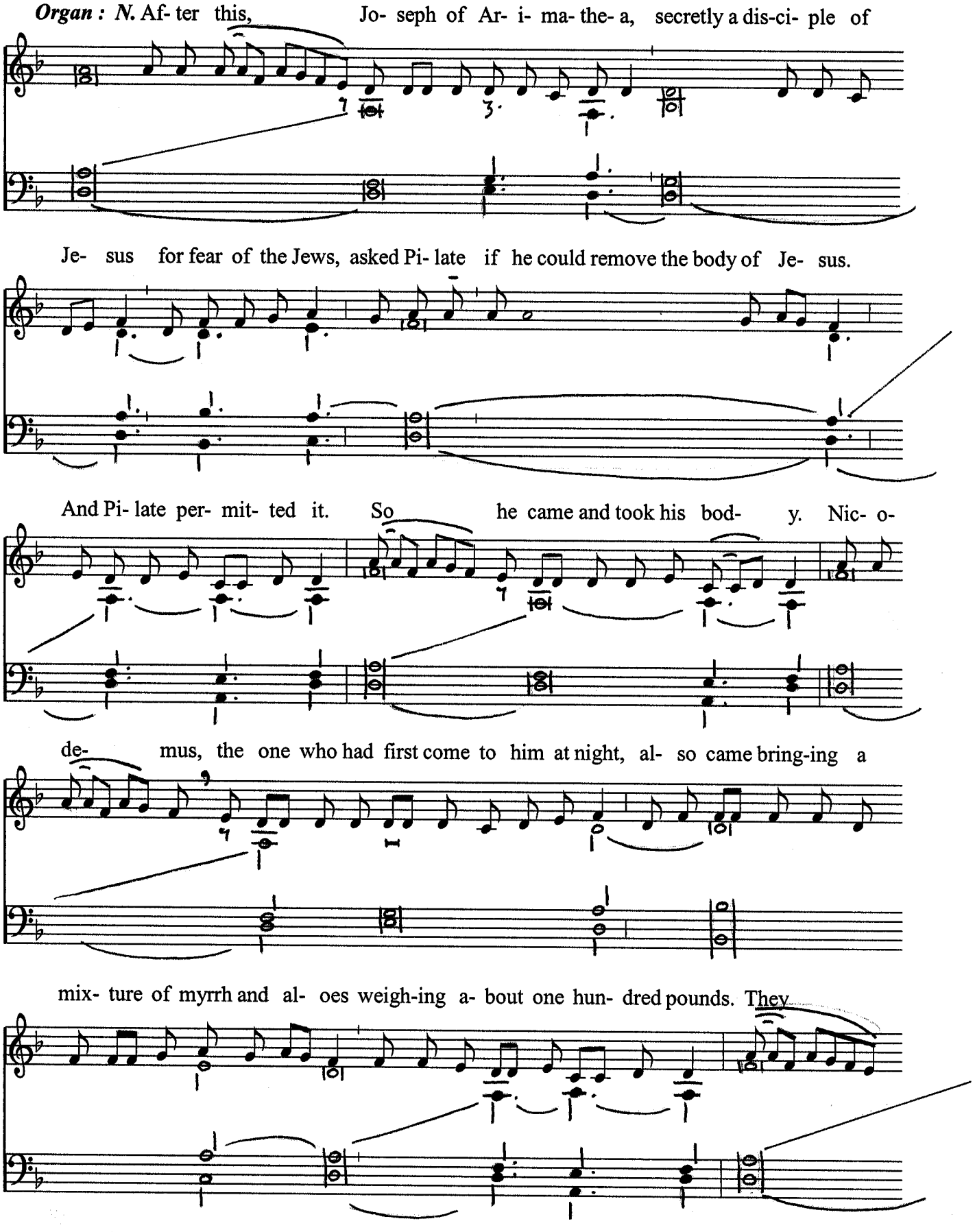
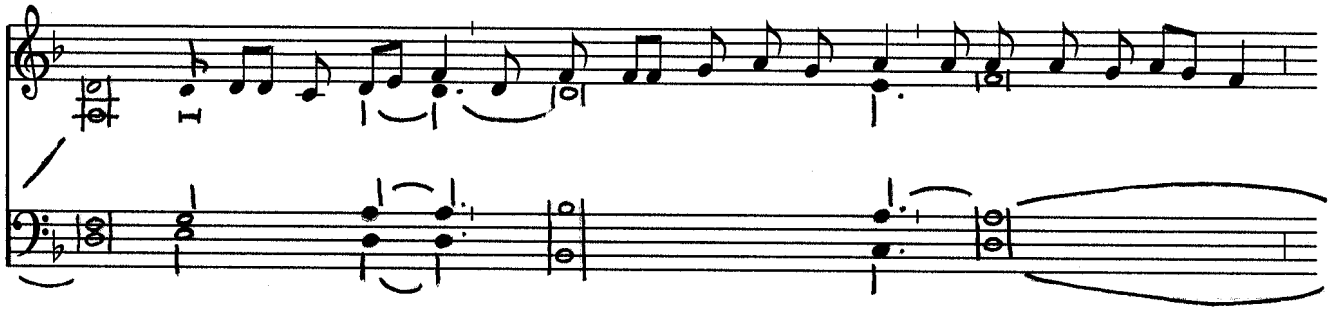
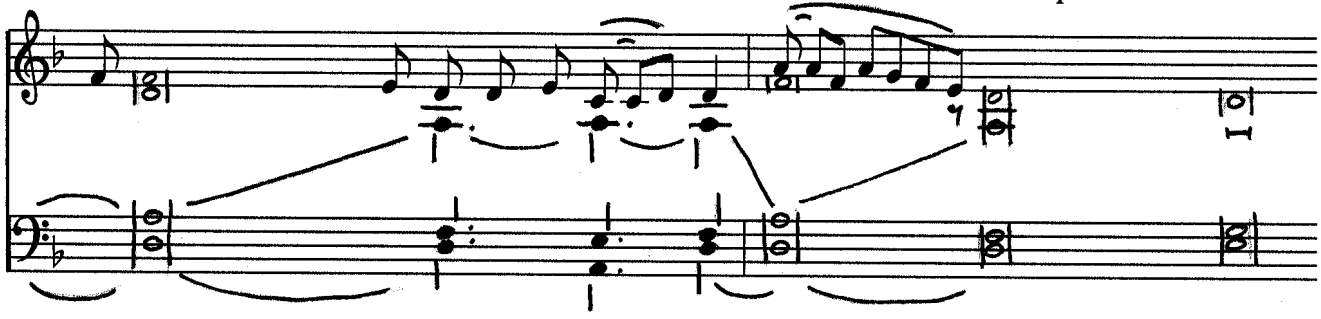


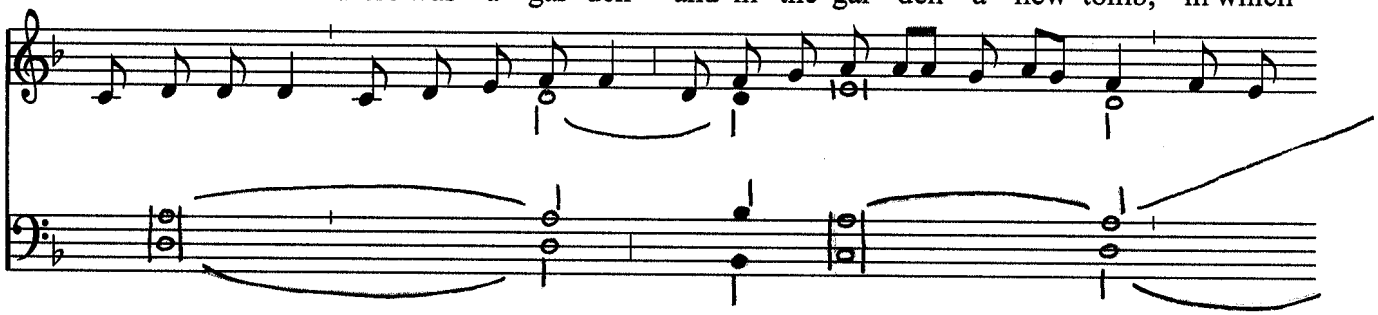
took the bod- y of Je- sus and bound it with bur- ial cloths a-long with the spic- es,



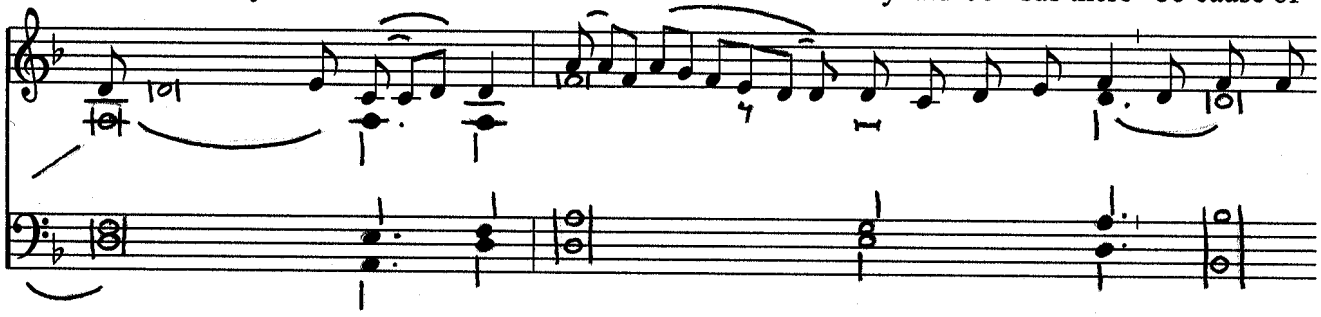
ac-cording to the Jew-ish bur- i- al cus- tom. Now in the place where he had



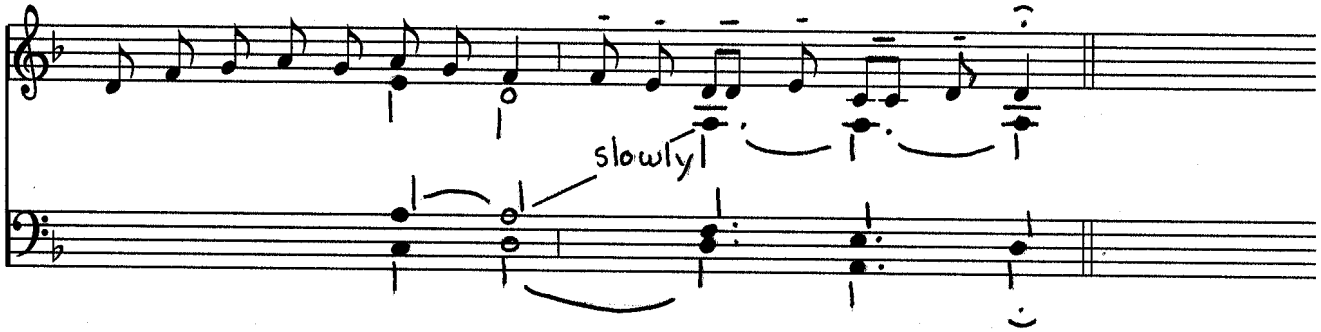
been cru- ci- fied there was a gar- den and in the gar- den a new tomb, in which



no one had yet been bur- ied. So they laid Je- sus there be-cause of



the Jew- ish pre- par- a- tion day; for the tomb was near at hand.



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

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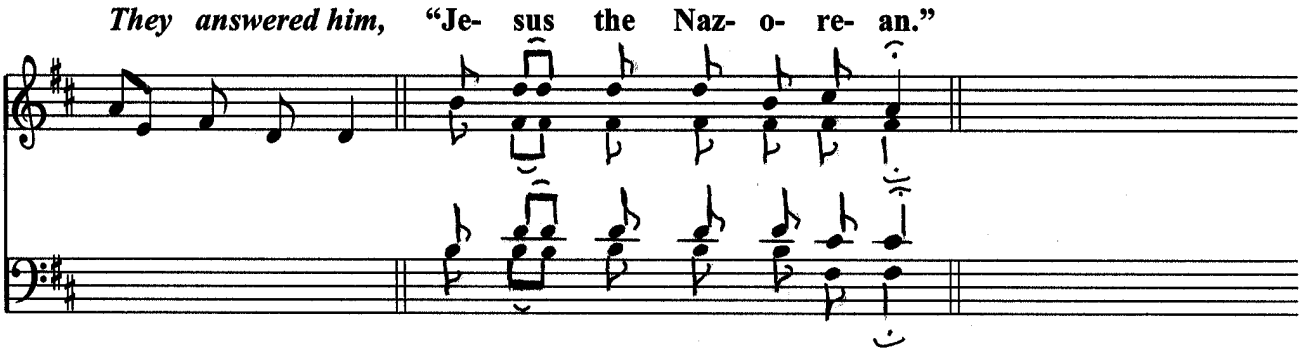
Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, + "Whom are you looking for?"



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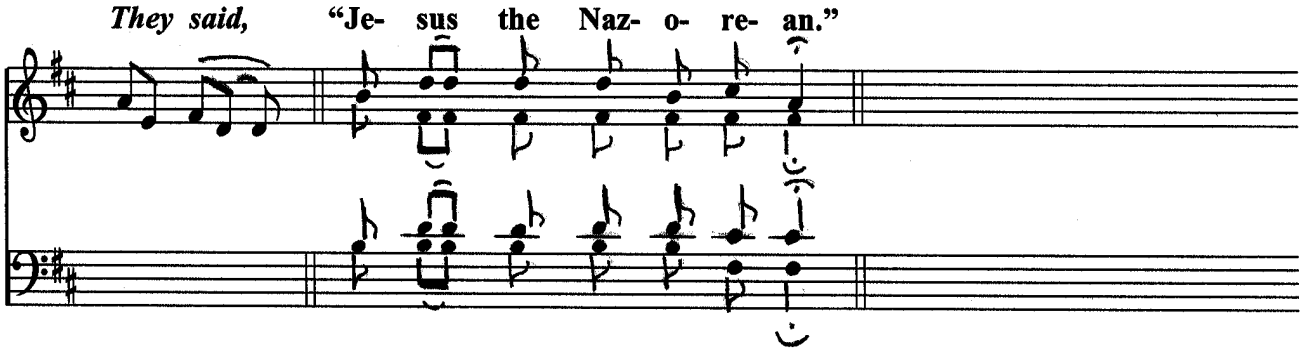
So he again asked them, + "Whom are you looking for?"



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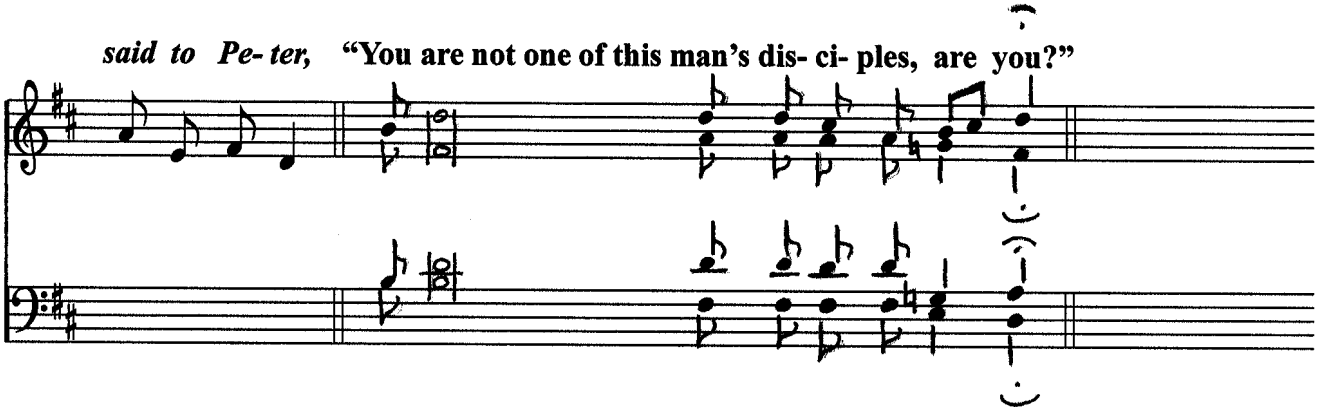

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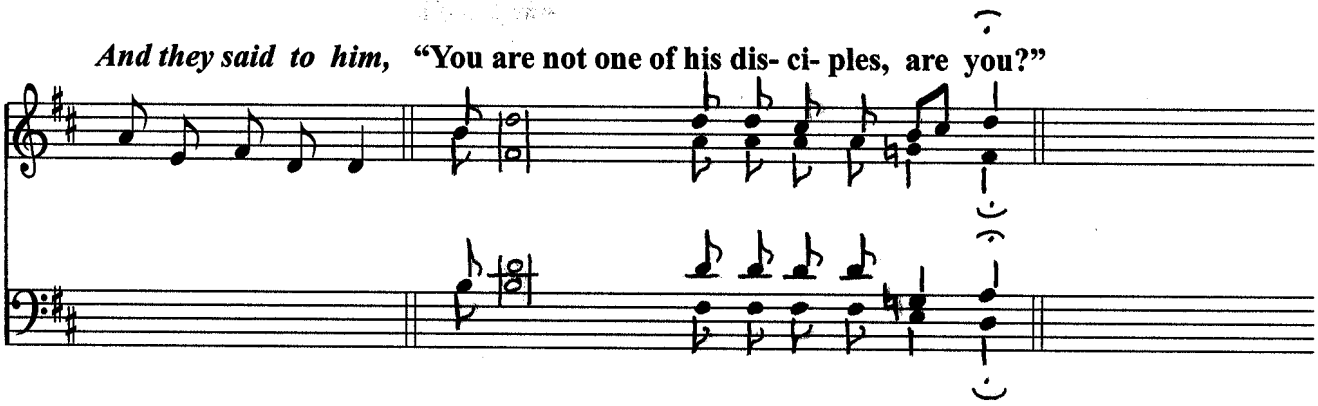
Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm.



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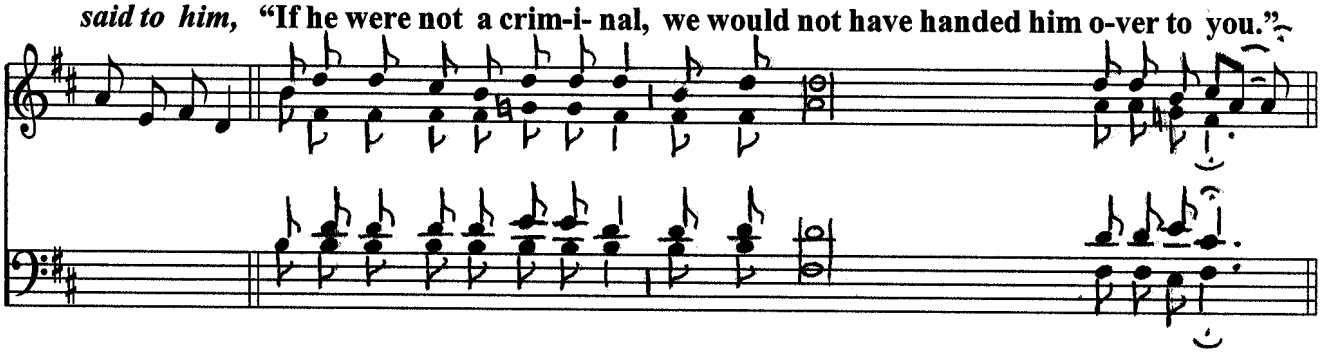
So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and



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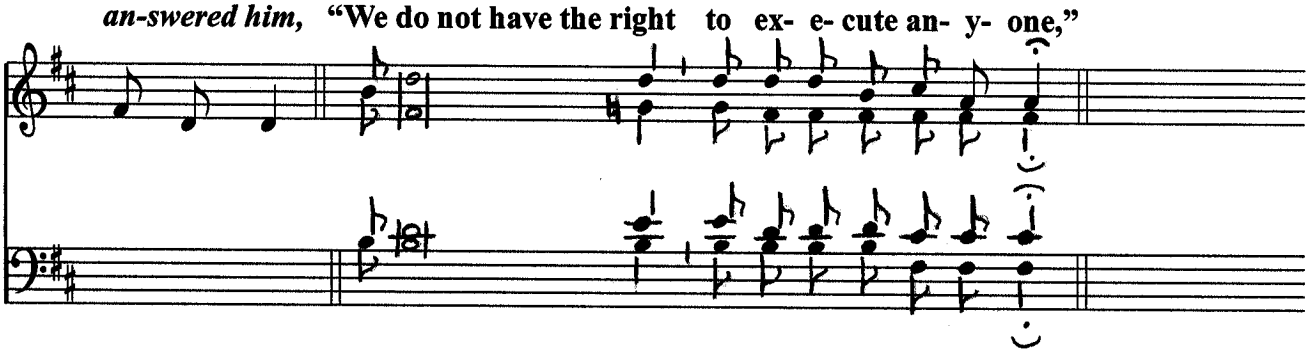
"Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law. The Jews



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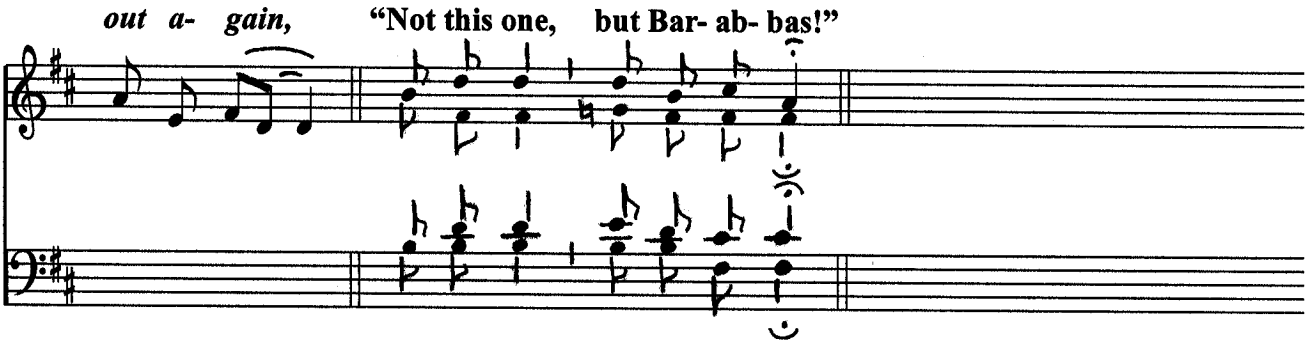
Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried



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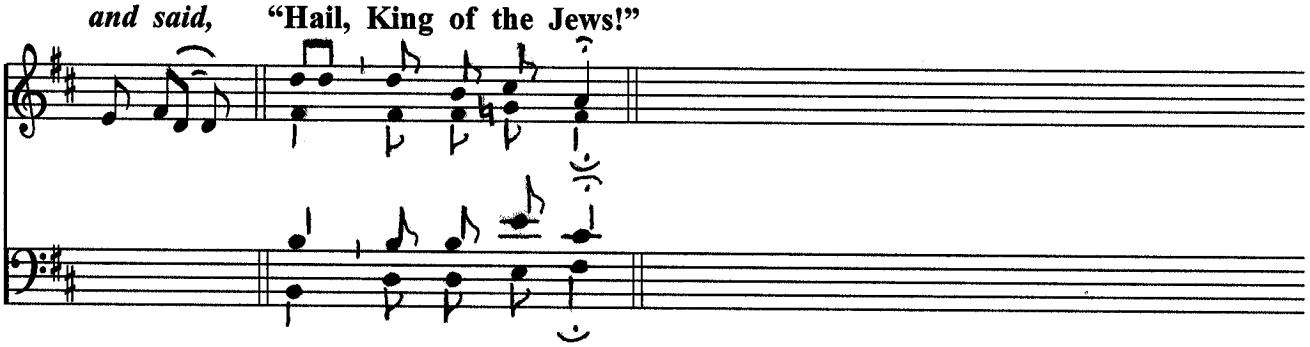
And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him



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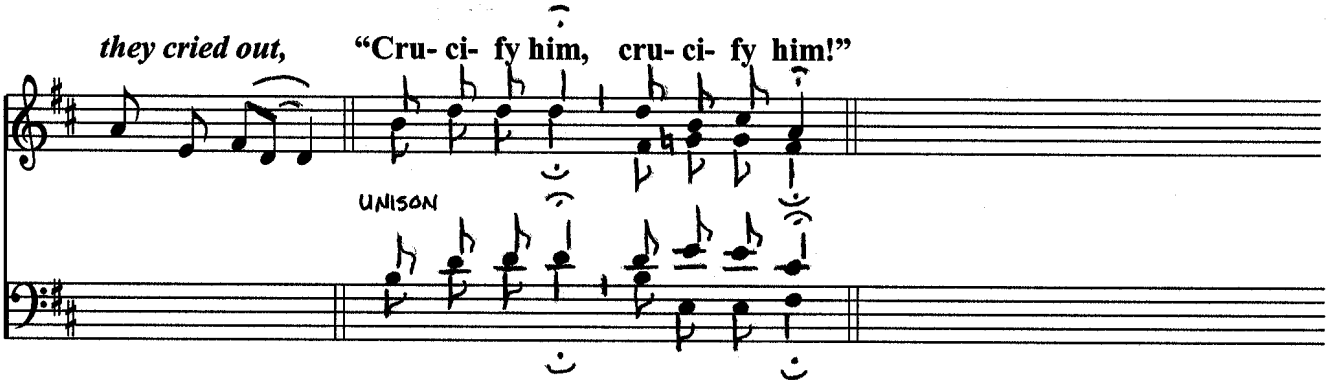
So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man! When the chief priests and the guards saw him,



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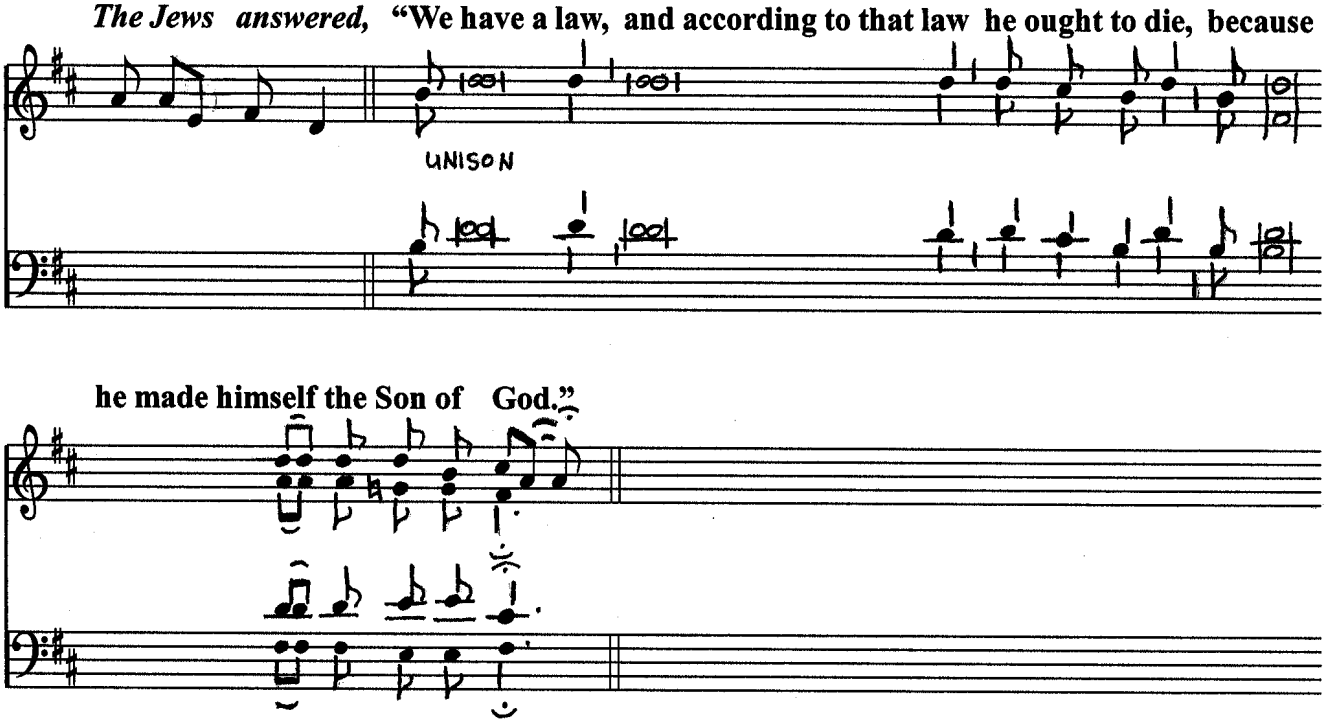
Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.



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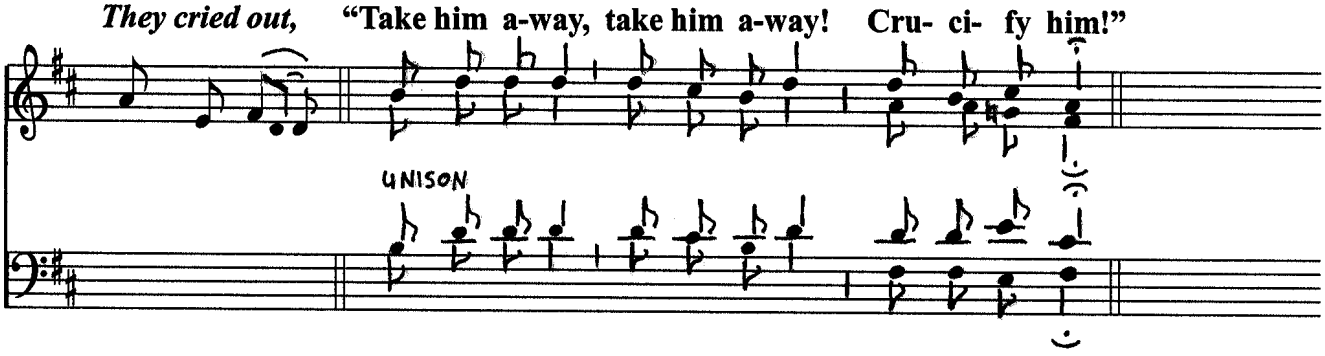
It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!"



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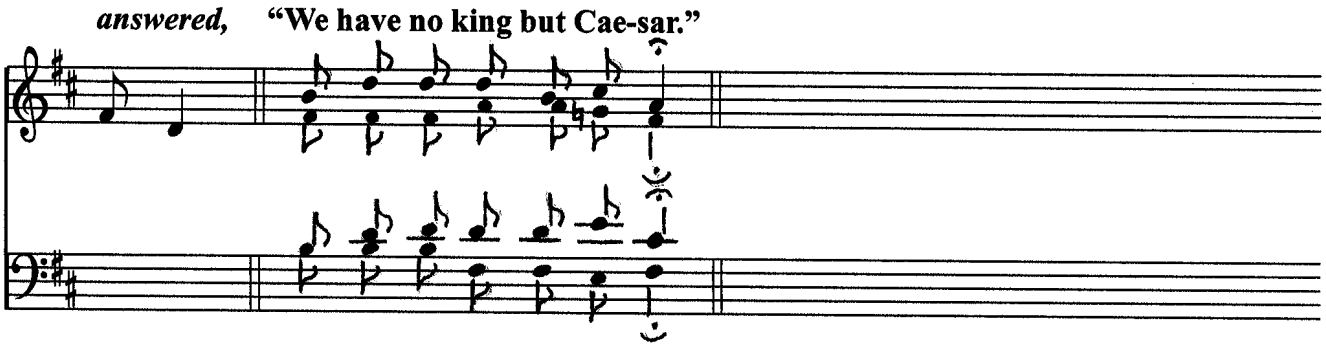
Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests



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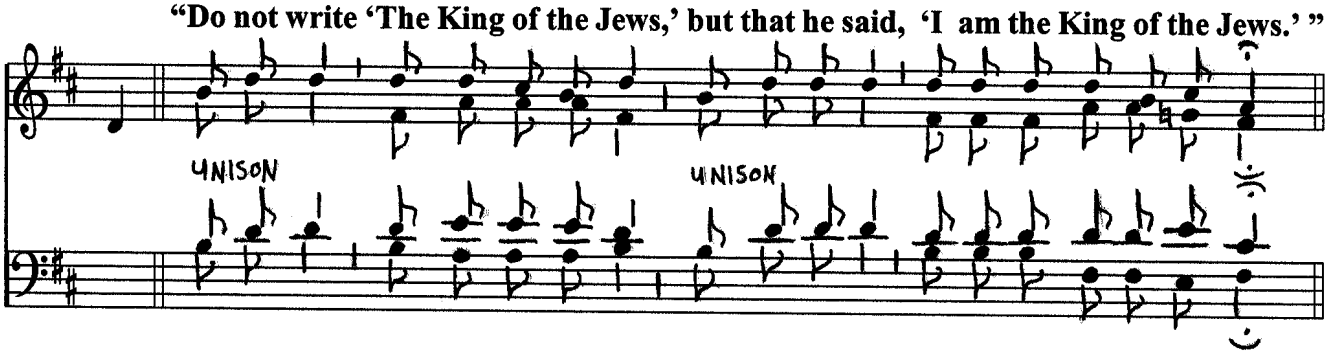
. . . and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,



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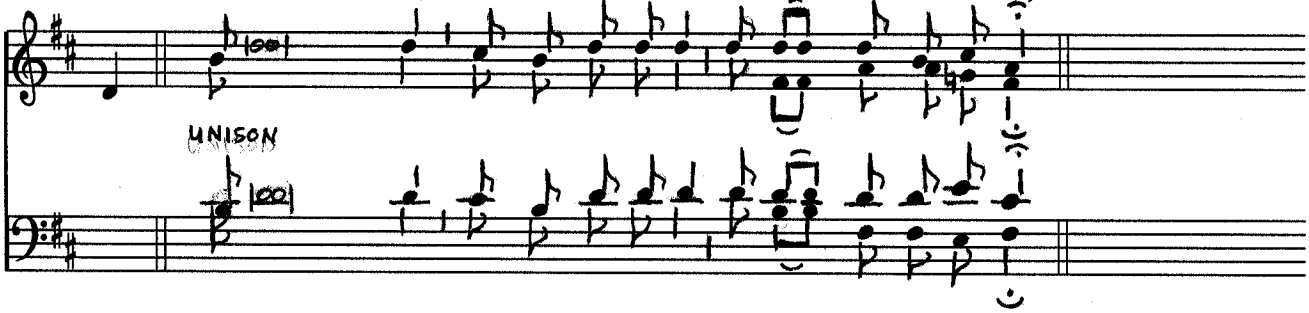
They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another,

"Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,"



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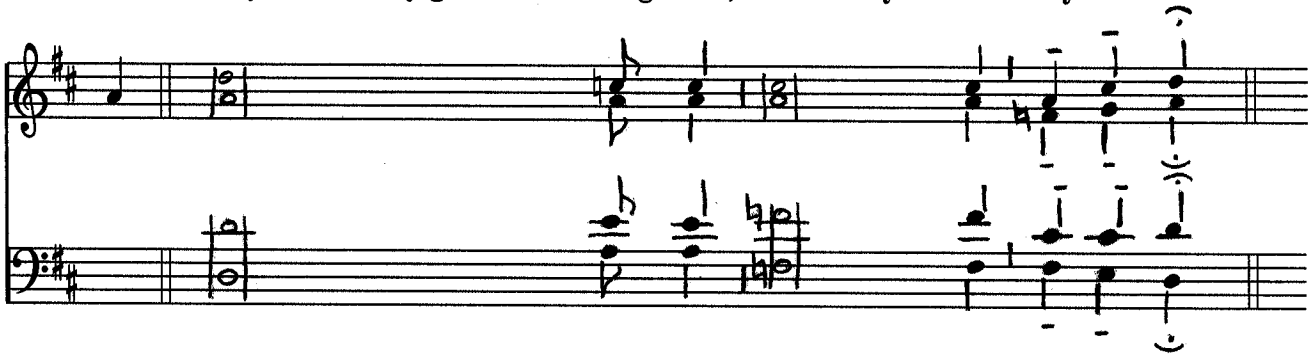
in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says:

"They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots."



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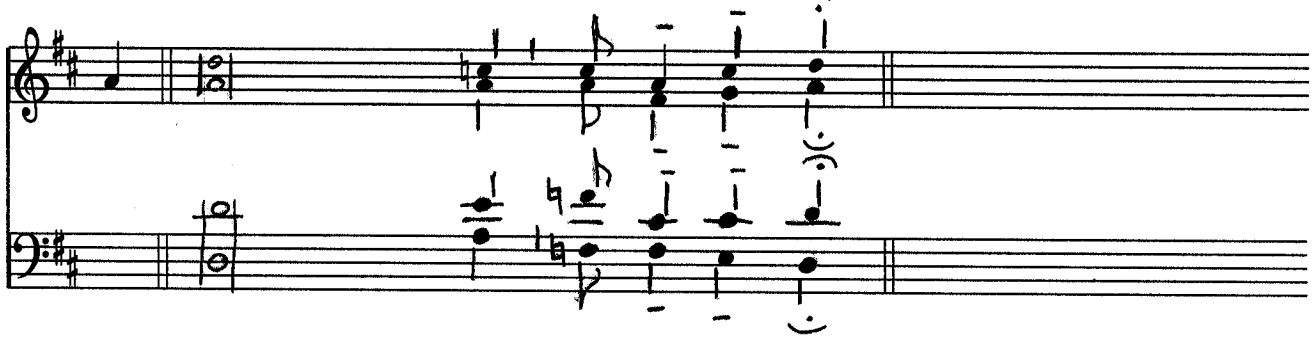
"They will look upon him whom they have pierced."