

# Matthew Passion Narrative

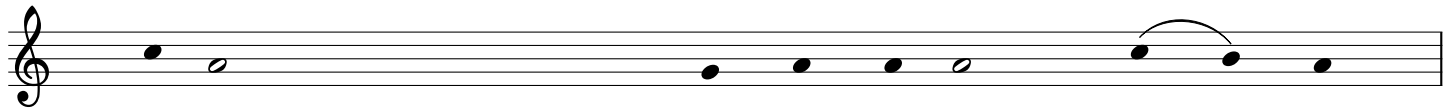
Based on Luther's Gospel Tone



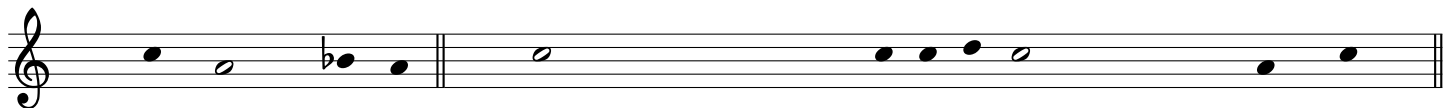
Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,



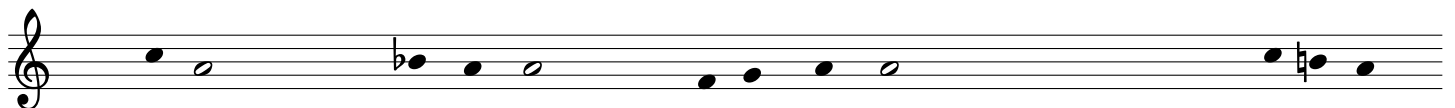
"Are you the King of the Jews?" Je - sus said, "Yes, it is as you say."



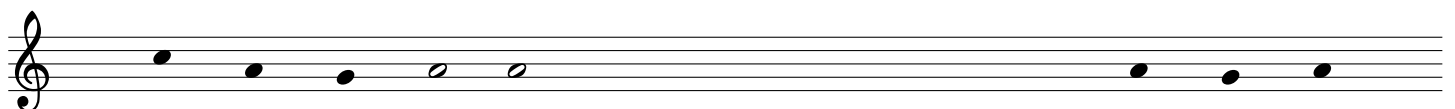
But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.



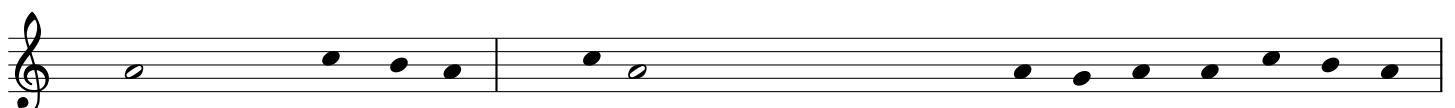
Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"



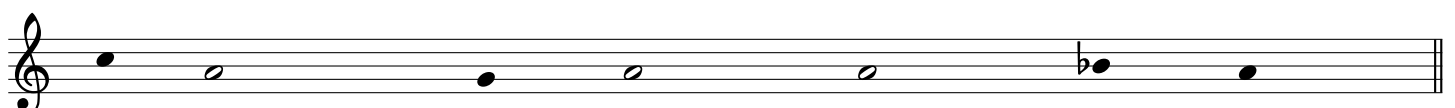
But he gave them no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.



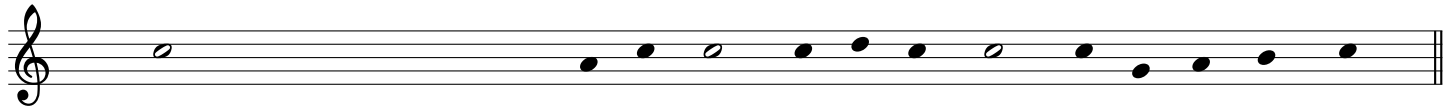
Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd,



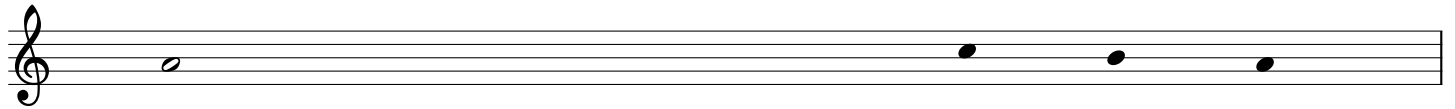
anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.



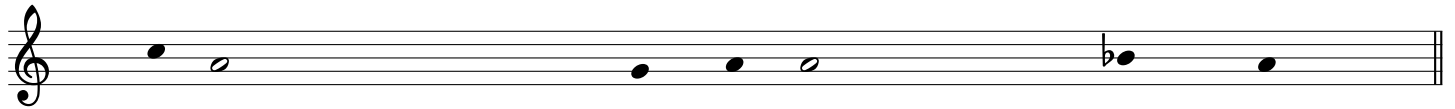
So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,



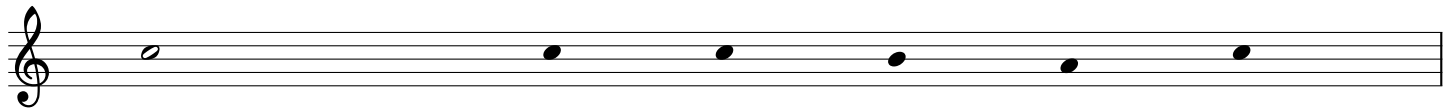
"Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Ba - rab - bas or Jesus who is called the Christ?"



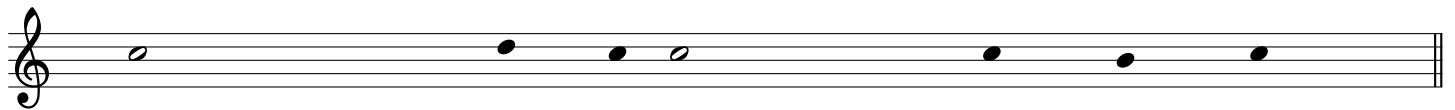
For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him o - ver.



While he was still sitting on the judg - ment seat, his wife sent word to him,



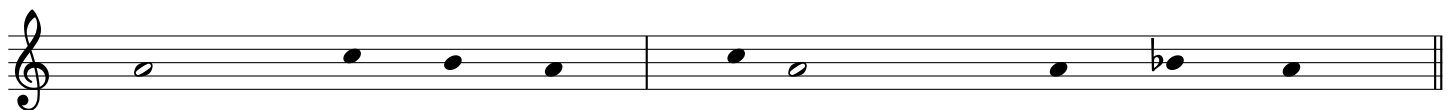
"Have nothing to do with that in - no - cent man,



for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream a - bout him."



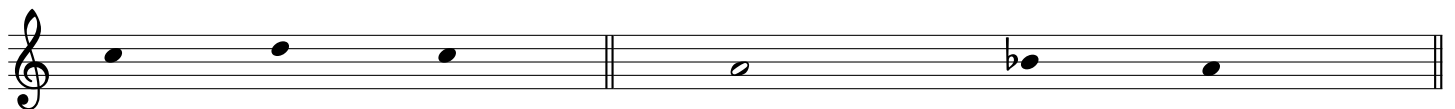
Now the chief priests and the el - ders persuaded the crowds to ask for Ba-rab - bas



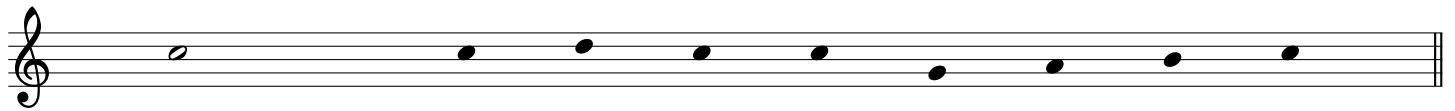
and to have Je - sus killed. The governor again said to them,



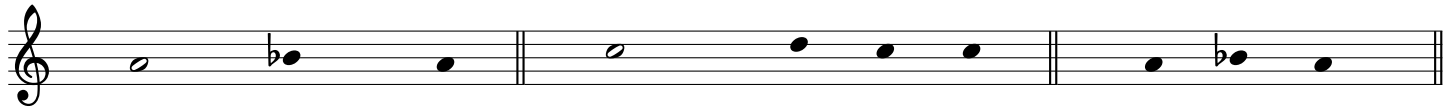
"Which of the two do you want me to re-lease for you?" And they said,



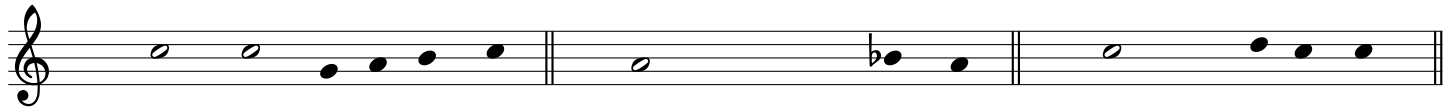
"Ba - rab - bas." Pilate said to them,



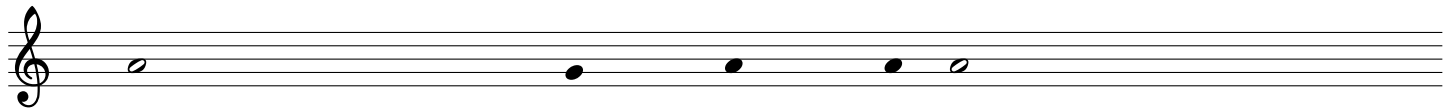
"Then what should I do with Je - sus who is called the Christ?"



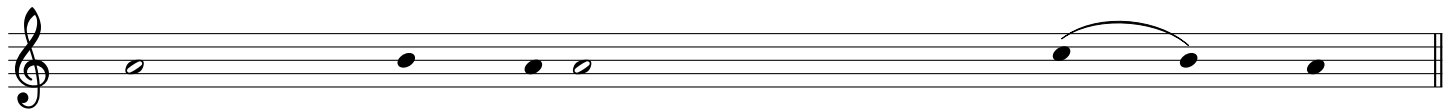
All of them said, "Let him be cru - ci - fied!" Then he asked,



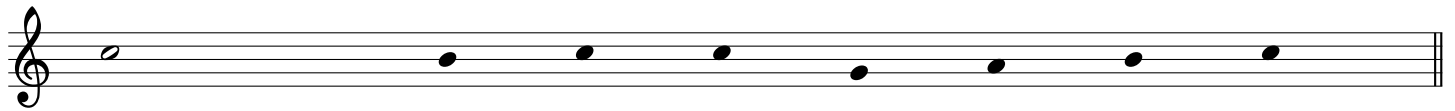
"Why, what e - vil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be cru-ci-fied!"



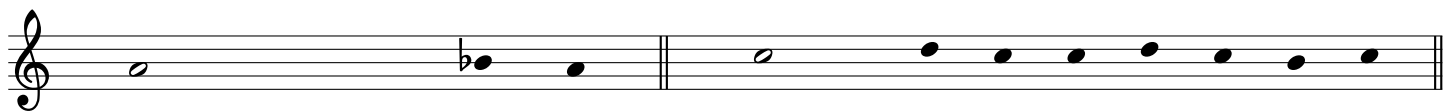
So when Pilate saw that he could do no - thing, but rather that a riot was beginning,



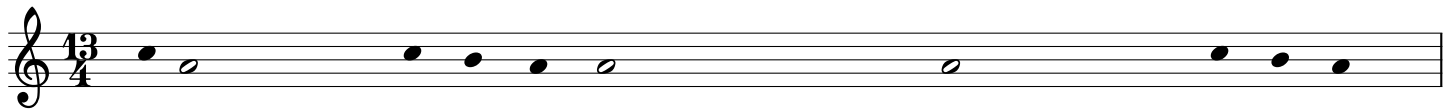
he took some wa - ter and washed his hands before the crowd say - ing,



"I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it your - selves."



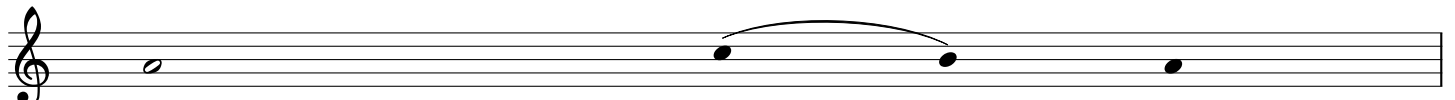
Then the people as a whole an - swered, "His blood be on us, and on our child-ren!"



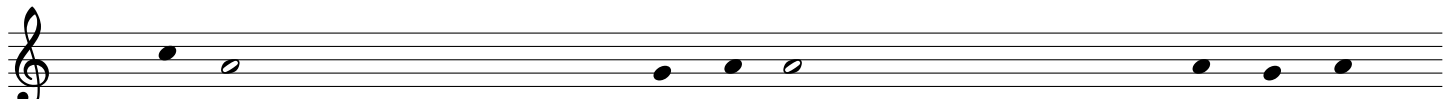
So he released Barab-bas for them, and having scourged Jesus, handed him over to be cru - ci - fied.



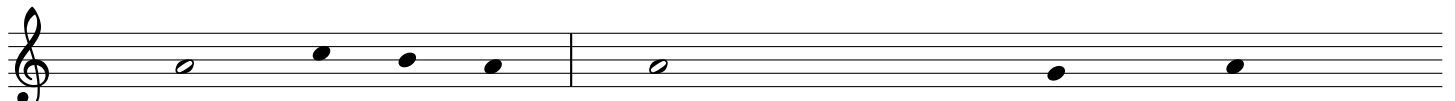
Then the soldiers of the governer took Jesus into the prae - to - ri - um,



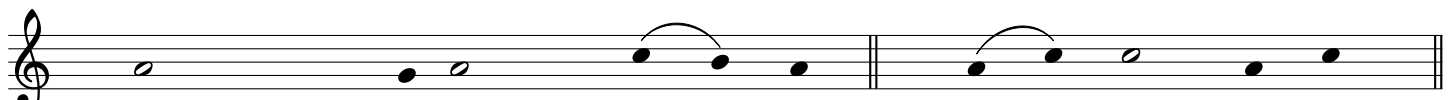
and they gathered the whole battalion a - round him.



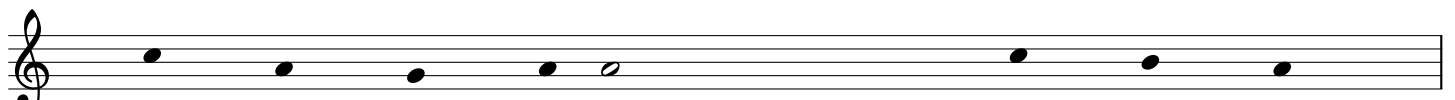
They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns in-to a crown,



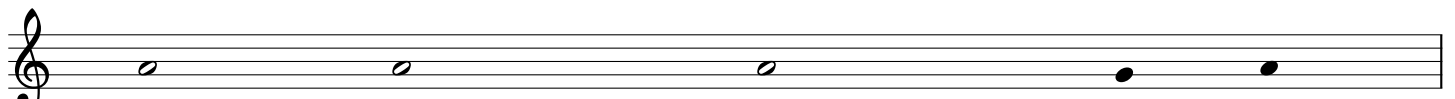
they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand



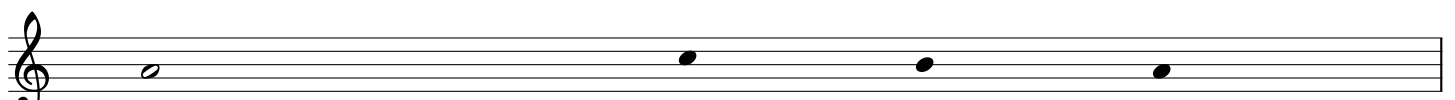
and knelt before him and mocked him say - ing, "Hail, King of the Jews!"




They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.



After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him.



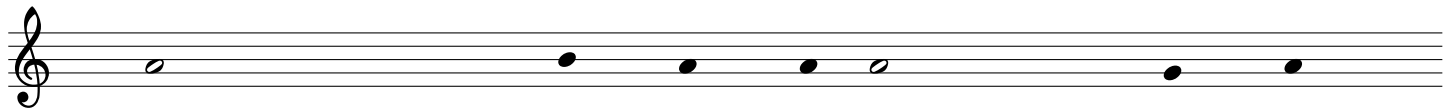
Then they led him away to cru - ci - fy him.



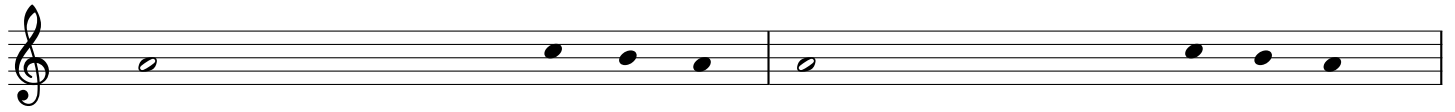
As they went out, they came upon a man from Cy - rene named Si - mon;



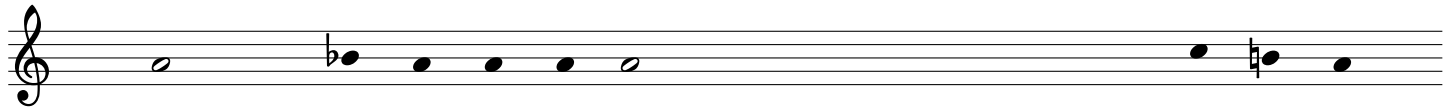
they compelled this man to car - ry his cross.



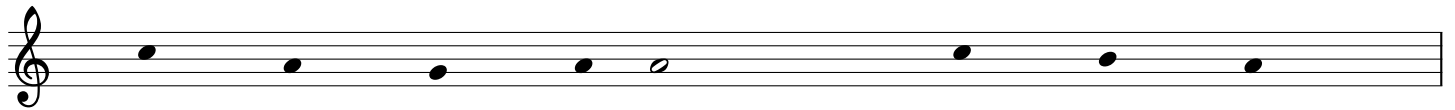
When they came to a place called Gol - ga - tha (which means Place of a Skull),



they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.



When they had cru - ci - fied him, they divided his clothes among themselves by cast - ing lots;



then they sat down and kept watch o - ver him.



Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."



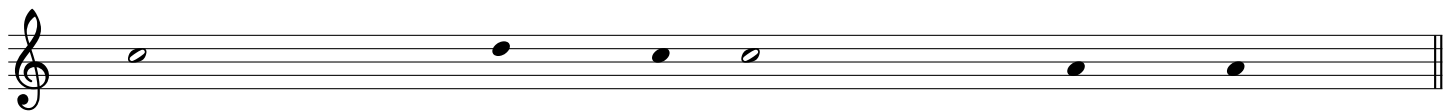
Then two thieves were cruci-fied with him, one on his right and one on his left.



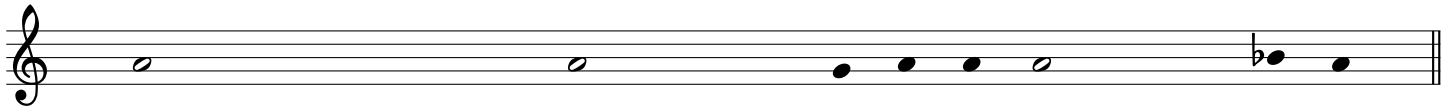
Those who passed by de-rid - ed him, wagging thier heads and say - ing,



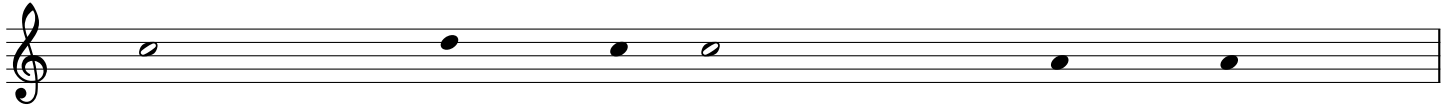
"You who would destroy the tem - ple and build it in three days, save your - self!



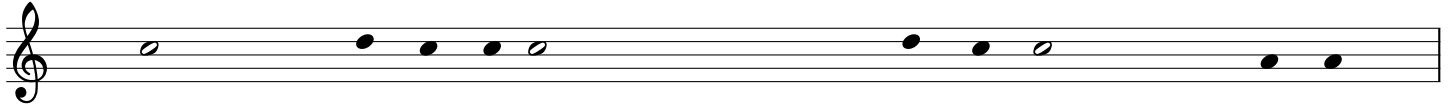
If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."



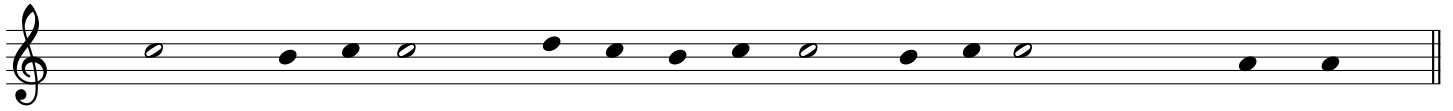
In the same way the chief priests along with the scribes and el - ders, were mocking him, say - ing,



"He saved oth - ers; he cannot save him - self.



He is the King of Is - ra - el; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.



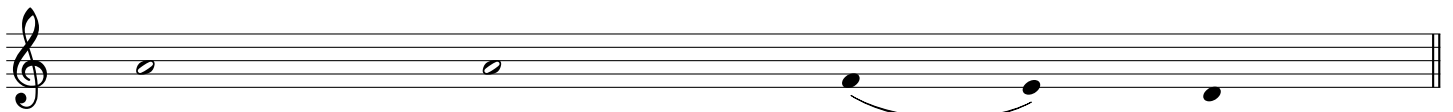
He trusts in God, let God de - liv - er him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.' "



The bandits who were cruci-fied with him also taunted him in the same way.



From the third hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.



And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,



"É - li, É - li, lé - ma sa - bach - thá - ni?"



My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?"



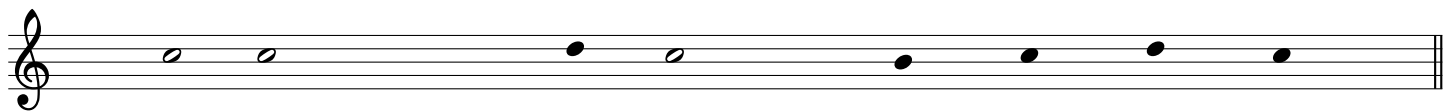
When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for El-i - jah."



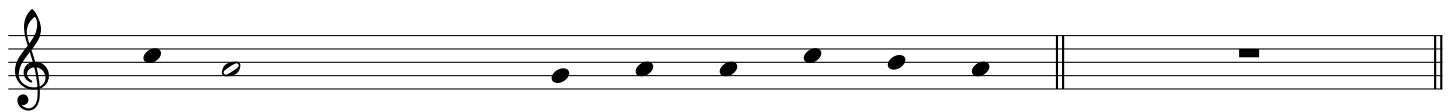
At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick,



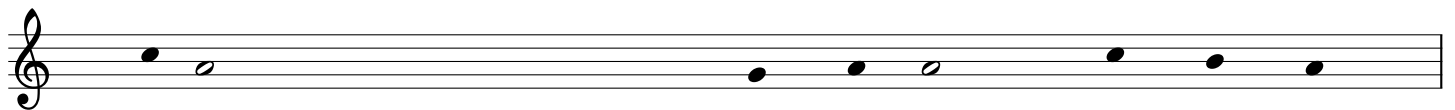
and gave it to him to drink. But the oth - ers said,



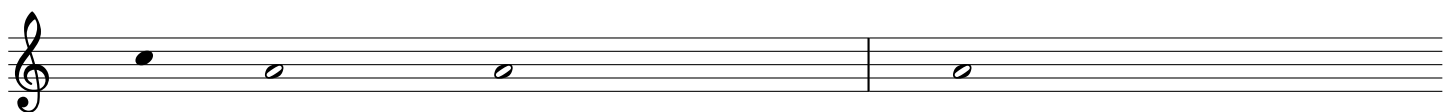
"Wait, let us see whether El - i - jah will come to save him."



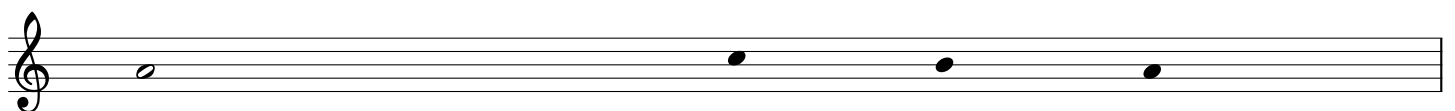
Then Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and breathed his last.



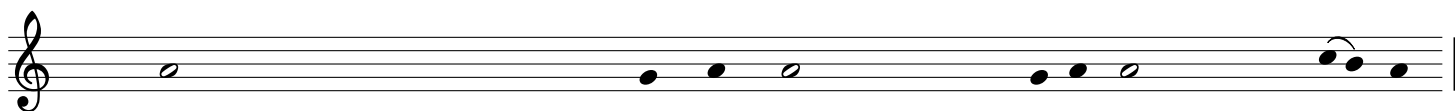
At that moment, the veil of the temple was rent in two, from top to bot - tom.



The earth shook, and the rocks split. And the tombs opened,



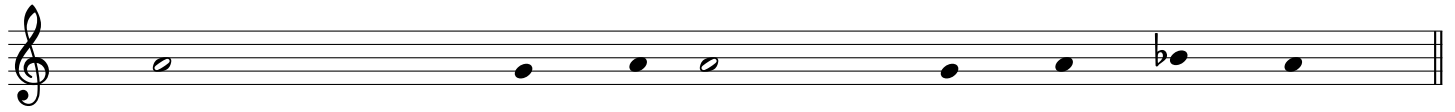
and many bodies of the saints who had fallen a - sleep were raised.



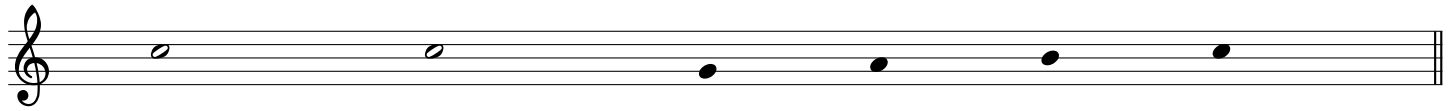
After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy ci - ty and appeared to ma - ny.



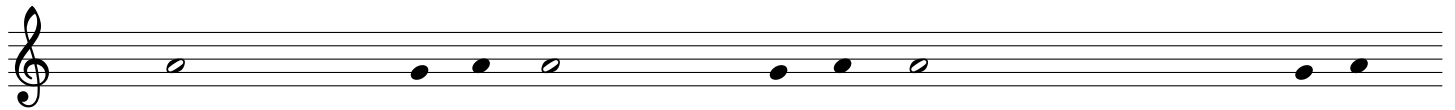
Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Je - sus,



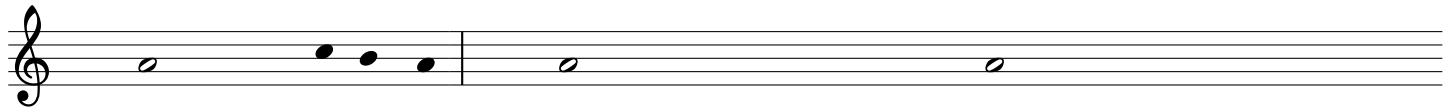
saw the earthquake and what took place, they were ter - ri - fied and said,



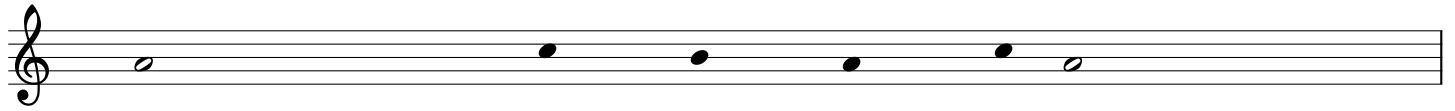
"Truly this was the Son of God."



Many women were al-so there, looking on from a dis-tance; they had followed Jesus from Ga-li - lee



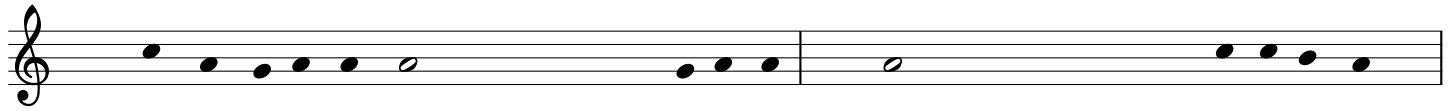
and had provid-ed for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Joseph,



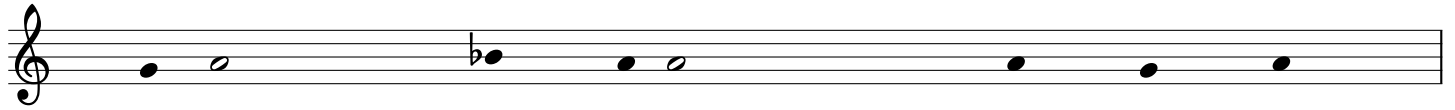
and the mother of the sons of Zeb - e - dee. When it was evening,



there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Jo - seph, who was also a disciple of Je - sus.



He went to Pi-late and asked for the body of Je-sus; then Pilate ordered it to be giv-en to him.



So Joseph took the bo - dy and wrapped it in a clean li - nen cloth



and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock.

He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went a - way.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting op - po - site the tomb.