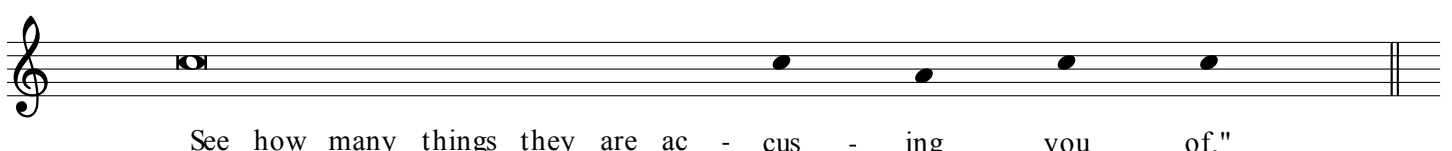
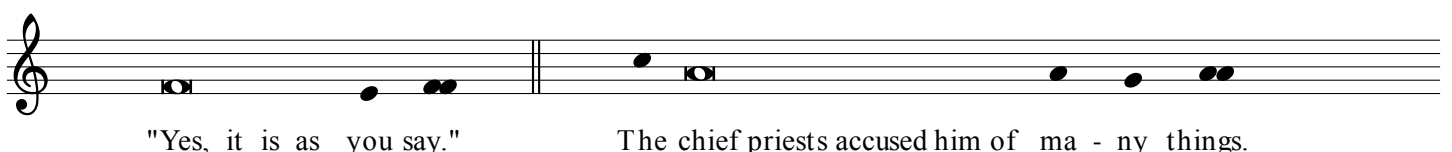
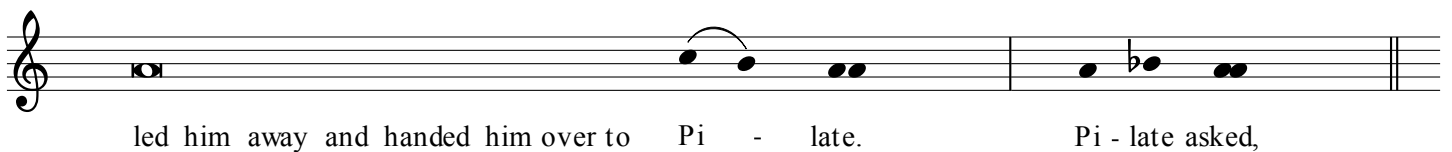
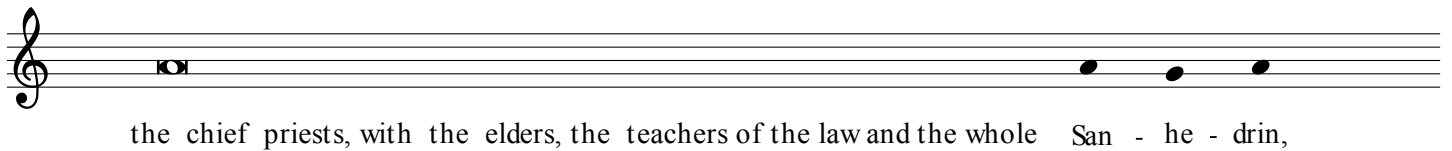
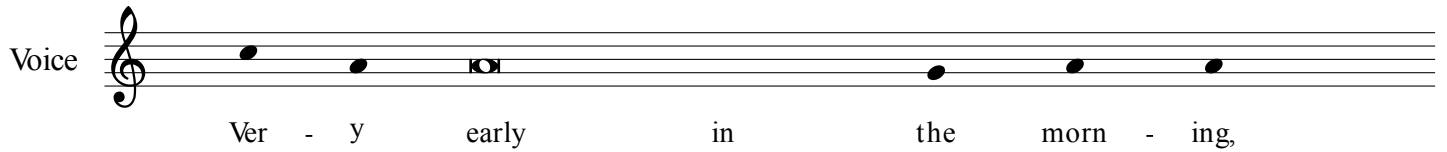
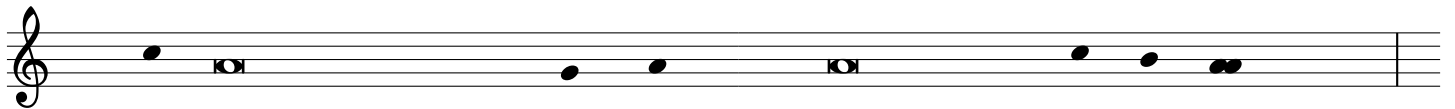


The Passion Of Christ According to St. Mark

Based on Luther's Gospel Tone

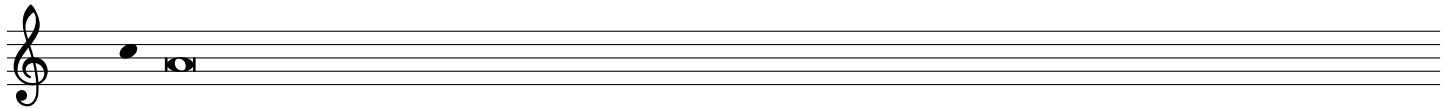




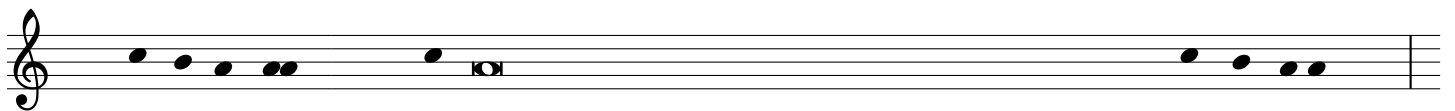
But Jesus still made no re - ply, and Pilate was a - mazed.



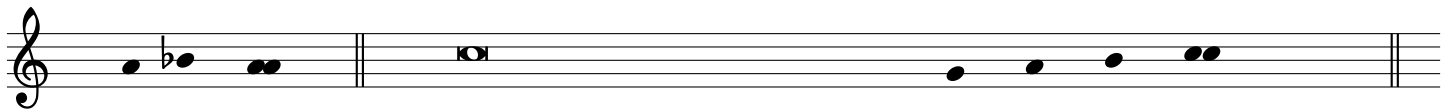
Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people re-quest - ed



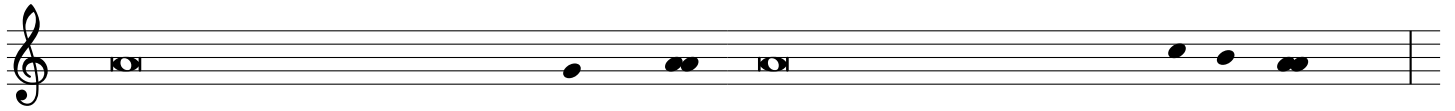
A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in



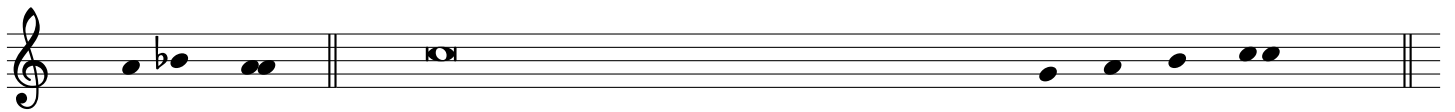
the up-ris-ing. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usual-ly did.



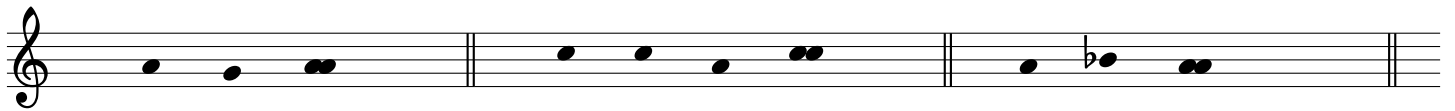
Pi - late asked, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"



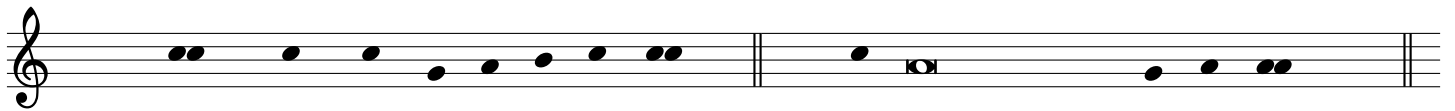
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barab - bas in - stead.



Pi - late asked, "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?"



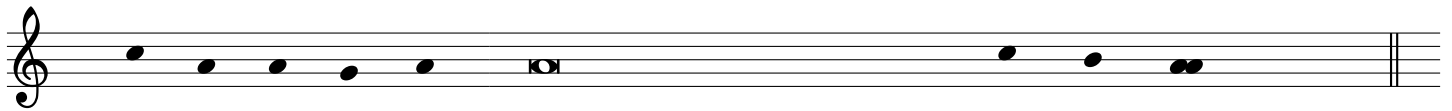
They shout - ed, "Cru - ci - fy him!" Pi - late asked,



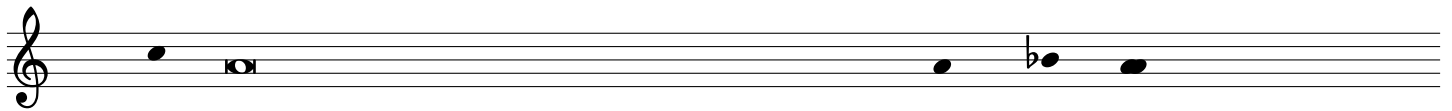
"Why? What crime has he com - it - ted?" But they shouted all the loud - er,



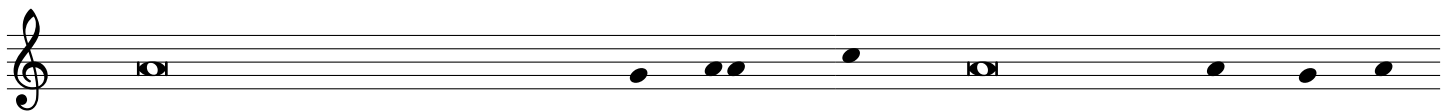
"Cru-ci-fy him!" Want-ing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barab - bas to them.



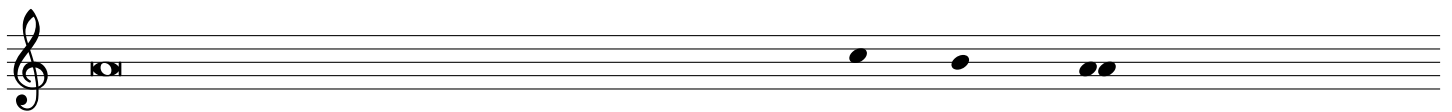
He had Je - sus flogged, and handed him over to be cru - ci - fied.



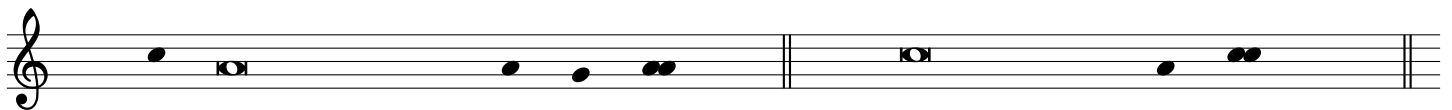
The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Prae - to - rium)



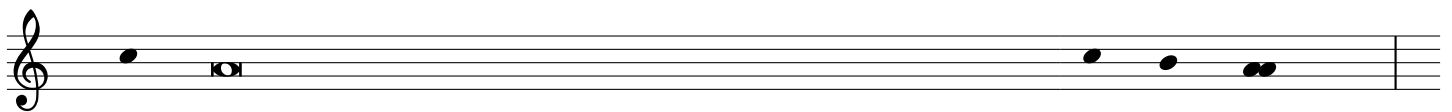
and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him,



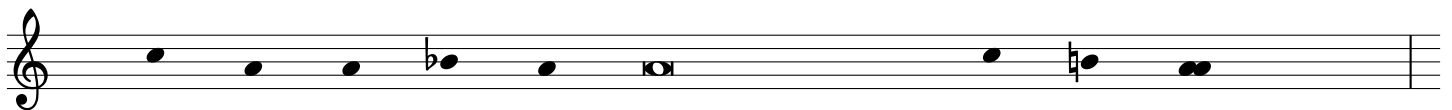
then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.



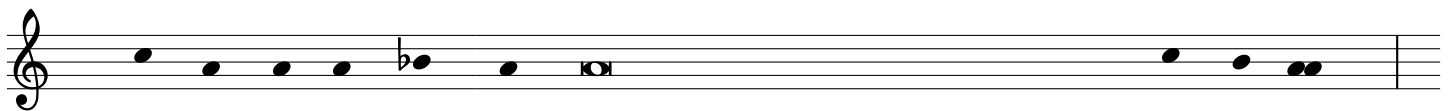
And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!"



A - gain and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him.



Fall - ing on their knees, they paid hom - age to him.



And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him.

Then they led him out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene,

Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country,

and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha

(which means The Place of the Skull). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh,

but he did not take it. And they crucified him.

Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

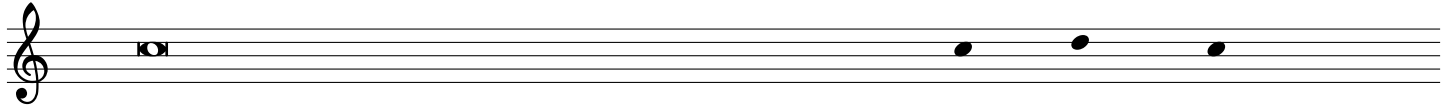
It was the third hour when they crucified him.

The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

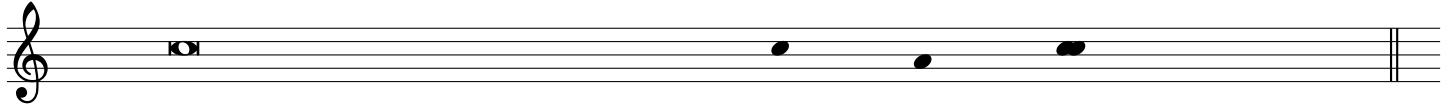
They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.



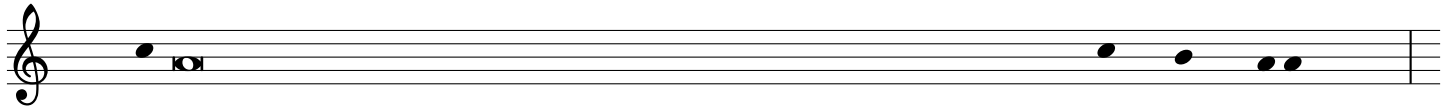
Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying,



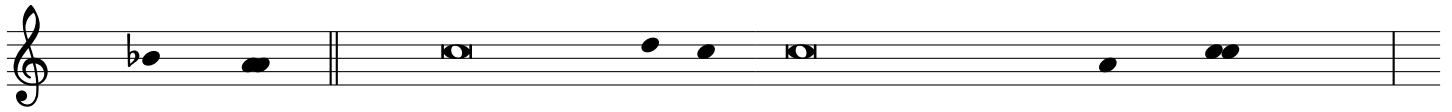
"So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,



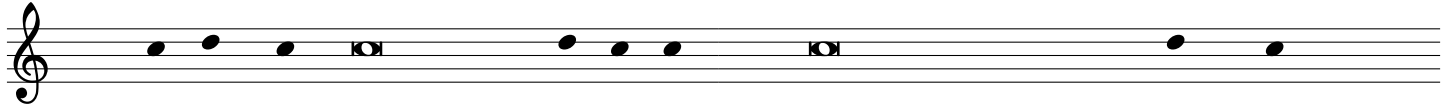
come down from the cross and save yourself!"



In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves.



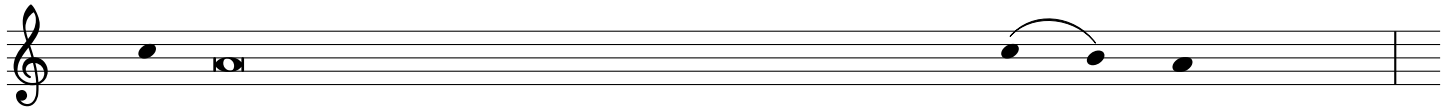
They said, "He saved others, but he can't save himself!



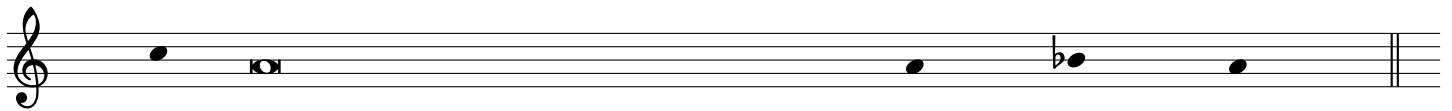
Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross,



that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.




At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.



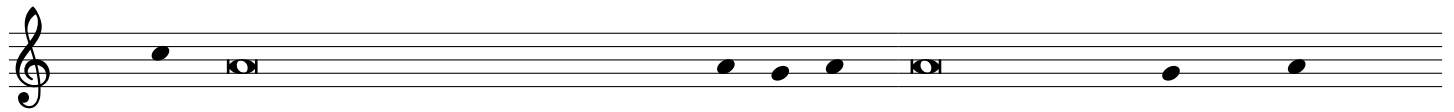
And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,




"E-loi, E-loi, le-ma-sa-bach-tha - ni?" "My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken me?"




When some of those standing near heard this they said, "Li-sten, he's calling E-li-jah."



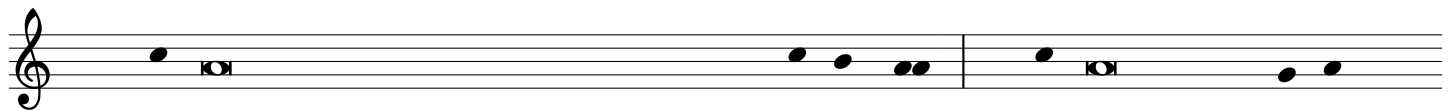
One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vin - e - gar, put it on a stick,



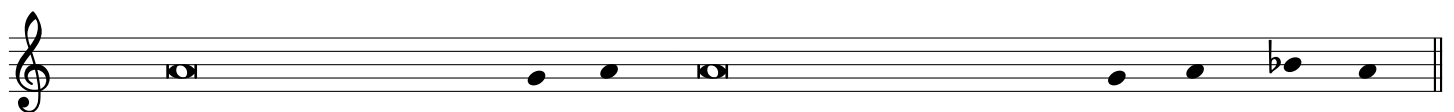
and offered it to Je - sus to drink. He said, "Now leave him a - lone.



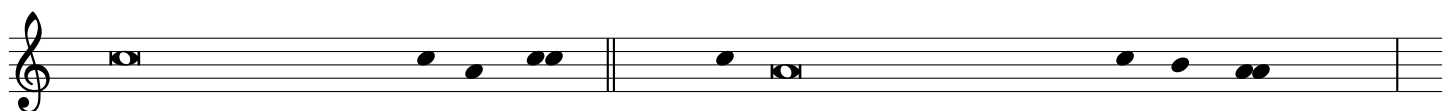
Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down." With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.



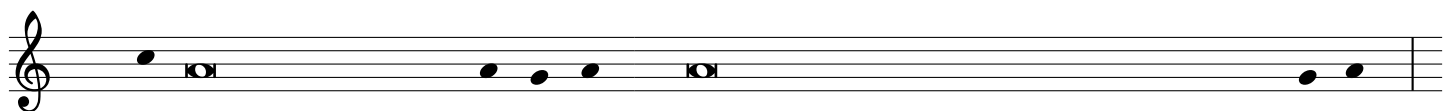
The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bot-tom. And when the centu-ri-on,



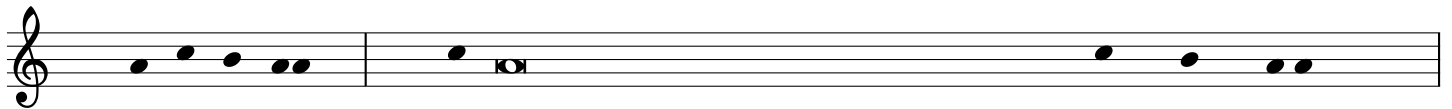
who stood there in front of Je - sus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said,



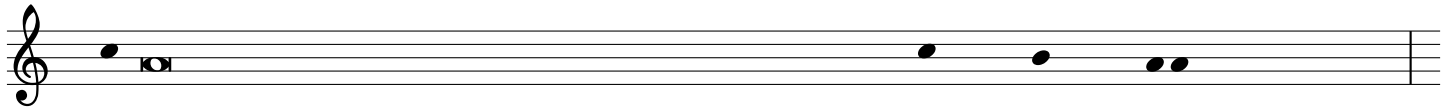
"Surely this man was the Son of God!" Some women were watching from a dis-tance.



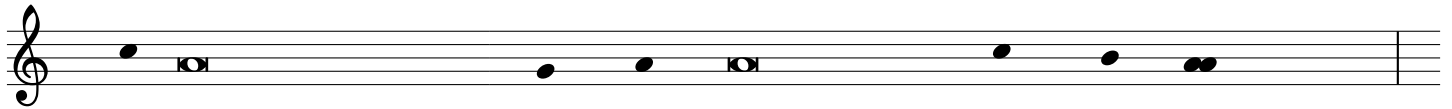
A-mong them were Mary Mag-da-ene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jo-ses,



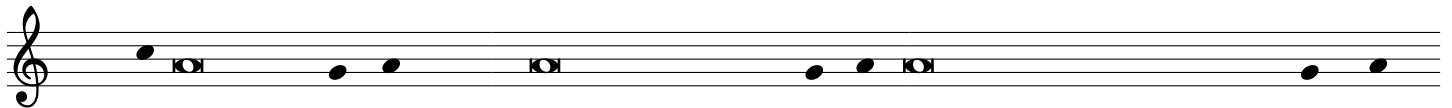
and Sa - lo - me. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs.



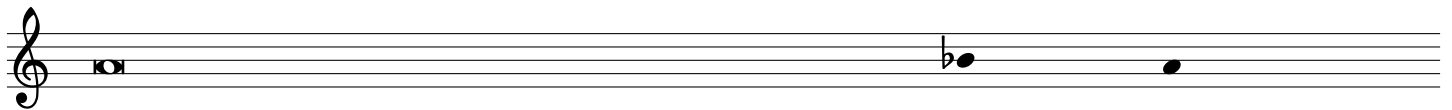
Ma - ny other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were al - so there.



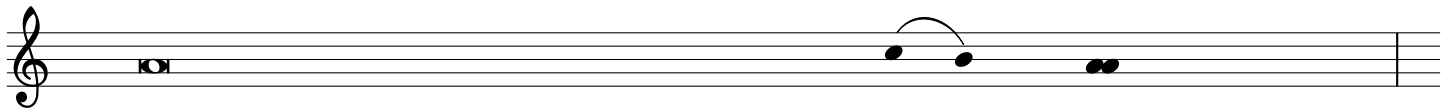
It was Preparation day (that is, the day before the Sab - bath).



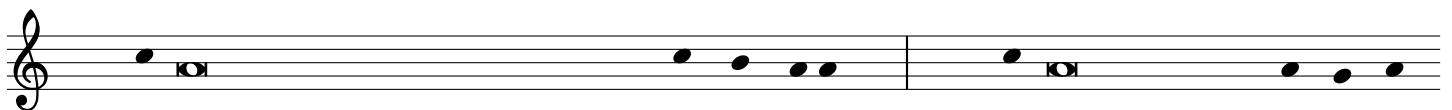
So as evening ap - proached, Joseph of Arima - the - a, a prominent member of the Coun - cil,



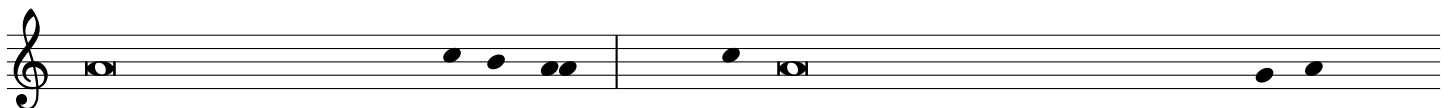
who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God,



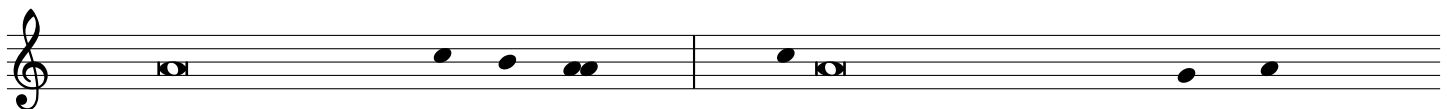
went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' bo - dy.



Pi - late was surprised to hear that he was al - rea - dy dead. Sum - moning the cen - tur - i - on,



he asked him if Jesus had al - rea - dy died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so,



he gave the body to Jo - seph. So Joseph bought some lin - en cloth,

