

# The Passion According to Saint John

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John 18:1-40, 19:1-37 (RSV)

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Evangelist  1. Je - sus went forth with his dis - ci - ples a - cross the Ki - dron val - ley, where there was a gar - den,

Ev.  which he and his dis - ci - ples en - tered. 2. Now Ju - das, who be - trayed him, al - so knew the place;

Ev.  for Je - sus of - ten met there with his dis - ci - ples. 3. So Ju - das, pro - cu - ring a band of sol - diers

Ev.  and some of - fi - cers from the chief priests and the Phar - i - sees, went there with lan - terns and tor - ches and

Ev.  wea - pons. 4. Then Je - sus, know - ing all that was to be - fall him, came for - ward and said to them,

J.  Whom— do you seek?


Ev.  5. They an - swered him,


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Choir  *p* Je - sus of Na - za - reth. *p*

Ev.  Je - sus said to them,


J.  I am he.


Ev.    
 Ju - das, who be - trayed him, was stand - ing with them. 6. When he said to them, "I \_\_\_\_\_ am he,"

Ev.    
 they drew back and fell to the ground. 7. A - gain he asked them,

J.    
 Whom \_\_\_\_\_ do you seek?

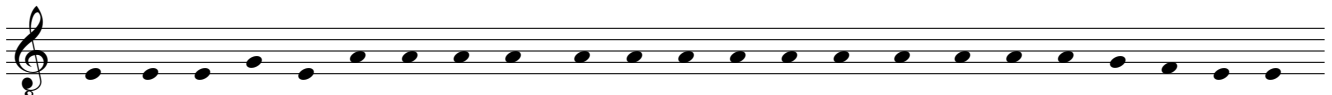
Ev.    
 And they said,


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*mp*  
 Choir    
 Je - sus of Na - za - reth.  
*mp*


Ev.    
 8. Je - sus an - swered,


J.    
 I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go.


Ev.    
 9. This was to ful - fil the word which he had spo - ken, "Of \_\_\_\_\_ those whom thou gav - est me I lost not one."


Ev.    
 10. Then Si - mon Pe - ter, hav - ing a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear.

Ev.    
 The slave's name was Mal - chus. 11. Je - sus said to Pe - ter,


J.  Put your sword in - to its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Fa - ther has gi - ven me?


Ev.  12. So the band of sol - diers and their cap - tain and the of - fi - cers of the Jews seized Je - sus and bound him.


Ev.  13. First they led him to An - nas; for he was the fa - ther - in - law of Ca' - ia - phas, who was high priest that year.

Ev.  14. It was Ca' - ia - phas who had gi - ven coun - sel to the Jews that it was ex - pe - di - ent

Ev.  that one man should die for the peo - ple. 15. Si - mon Pe - ter fol - lowed Je - sus, and so did a - no - ther

Ev.  dis - ci - ple. As this dis - ci - ple was known to the high priest, he en - tered the court of the high priest

Ev.  a - long with Je - sus, 16. while Pe - ter stood out - side at the door. So the o - ther dis - ci - ple, who was known

Ev.  to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Pe - ter in.

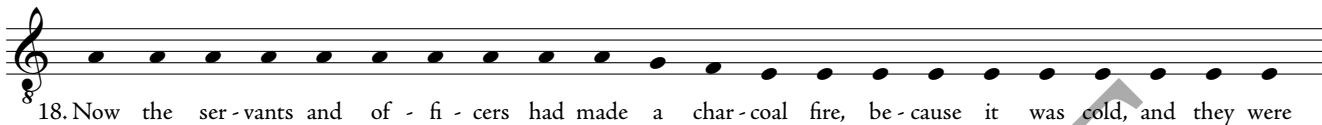
Ev.  17. The maid who kept the door said to Pe - ter,

S. solo  Are not you al - so one of this man's dis - ci - ples?

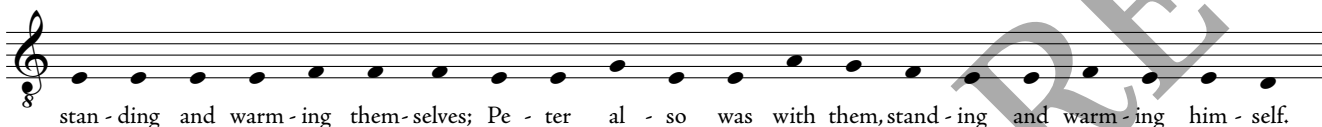
Ev.  He said,

T. 

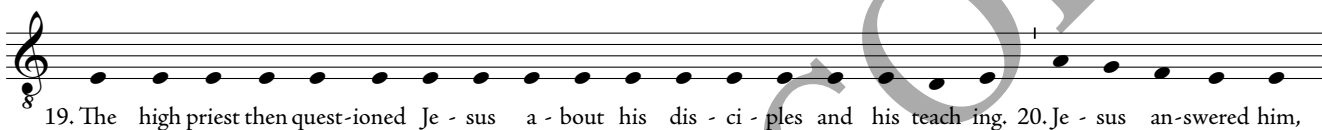
I am not.

Ev. 

18. Now the ser-vants and of-fi-cers had made a char-coal fire, be-cause it was cold, and they were

Ev. 


stan-ding and warm-ing them-selves; Pe-ter al-so was with them, stand-ing and warm-ing him-self.

Ev. 

19. The high priest then quest-ioned Je-sus a-bout his dis-ci-ples and his teach-ing. 20. Je-sus an-swered him,

J. 

I have spo-ken op-en-ly to the world; I have al-ways taught in syn-a-gogues and in the

J. 


tem-ple, where all Jews come to-ge-ther; I have said no-thing se-cret-ly.

J. 

21. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them;

J. 

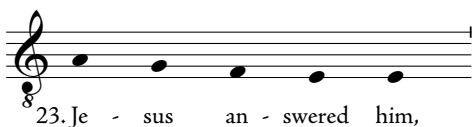
they know what I said.

Ev. 

22. When he had said this, one of the of-fi-cers stand-ing by struck Je-sus with the hand, say-ing,

T. 

Is that how you an-swer the high priest?

Ev. 

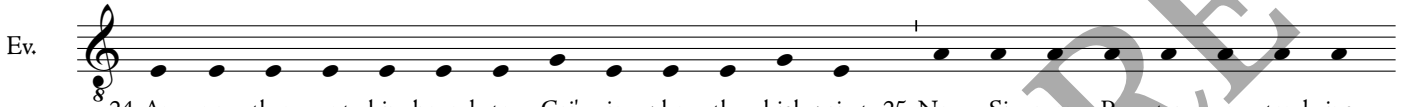
23. Je-sus an-swered him,



J. If I have spo - ken wrong - ly, bear wit - ness to the wrong; but if I have spo - ken right - ly,



J. why do you strike me?



Ev. 24. An - nas then sent him bound to Cai' - ia - phas the high priest. 25. Now Si - mon Pe - ter was stand - ing

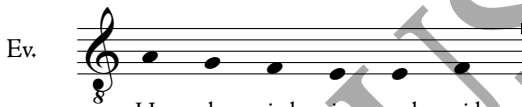


Ev. and warm - ing him - self. They said to him,

*mf* *rit.* *f*

Choir Are not you al - so one of his dis - ci - ples?

*mf* *f*



Ev. He de - nied it and said,



T. I am not.



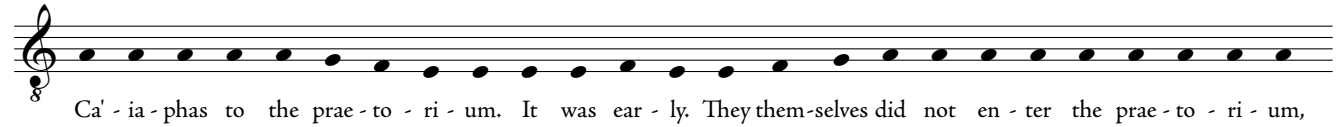
Ev. 26. One of the ser - vants of the high priest, a kins - man of the man whose ear Pe - ter had cut off, asked,

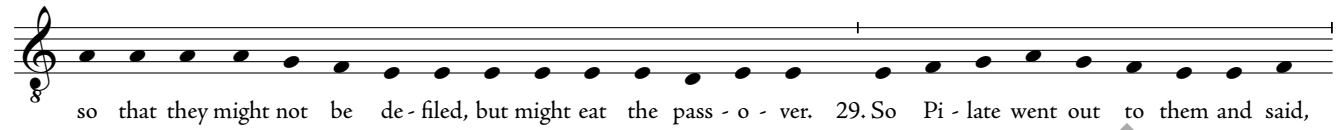


T. Did I not see you in the gar - den with him?

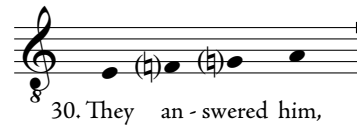


Ev. 27. Pe - ter a - gain de - nied it; and at once the cock crowed. 28. Then they led Je - sus from the house of

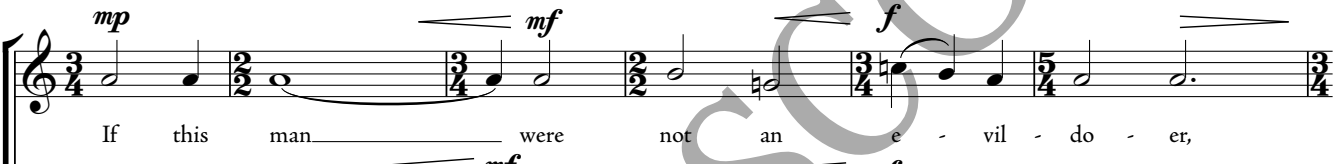
Ev. 


Ev. 


T. 

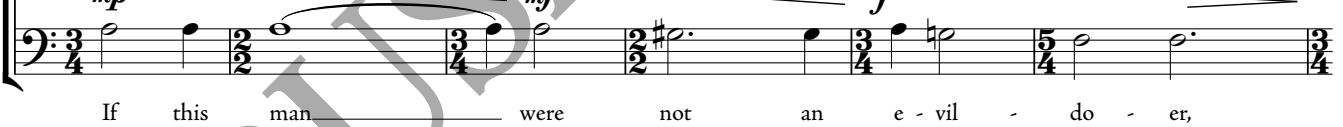
Ev. 


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S.  *mp* *mf* *f*


A.  *mf* *f*

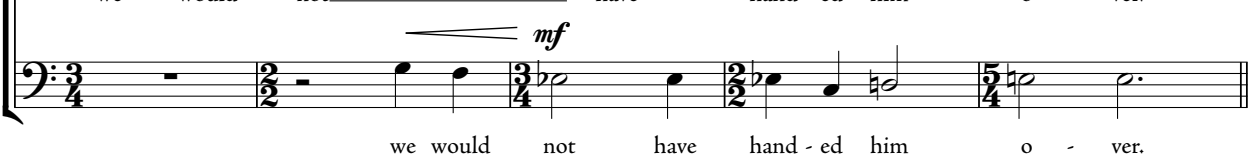
T.  *mf* *f*


B.  *mp* *mf* *f*


S.  *mf*


A.  *mp* *mf*

T.  *mp* *mf*


B.  *mf*


Ev.  31. Pi - late said to them,


T.  Take him your-selves and judge him by your own law.


Ev.  The Jews said to them,


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S.  *p* It is not law - ful *f* for us to put an - y man *mf* to death.


A.  *p* It is not law - ful *f* for us to put an - y man *mf* to death.

T.  *p* It is not law - ful *f* for us to put an - y man *mf* to death.

B.  *p* It is not law - ful *f* for us to put an - y man *mf* to death.

Ev.  32. This was to ful - fil the word which Je - sus had spo - ken to show by what death he was to die.


Ev.  33. Pi - late en - tered the prae - to - ri - um a - gain and called Je - sus, and said to him,


T.  Are you the King of the Jews?


Ev.  Je - sus an - swered,

J.   
Do you say this of your own ac - cord, or did o - thers say it to you a - bout me?


Ev.   
35. Pi - late an - swered,


T.   
Am I \_\_\_\_\_ a Jew? Your own na - tion and the chief priests have hand - ed you o - ver to me;

T.   
what have you done?

Ev.   
36. Je - sus an - swered,


J.   
My king - ship is not of this world; if my king - ship were of this world, my ser - vants would

J.   
fight, that I might not be hand - ed o - ver to the Jews; but my king - ship is not from the world.

Ev.   
37. Pi - late said to him,


Ev.   
So you are \_\_\_\_\_ a king?

Ev.   
Je - sus an - swered,

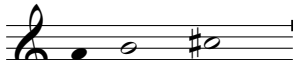
J.   
You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have

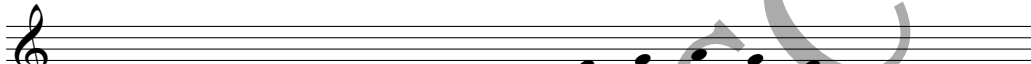


J.  come in - to the world, to bear wit - ness to the truth. E - very one who is of the

J.  truth hears my voice.

Ev.  38. Pi - late said to him,

T.  What is truth?

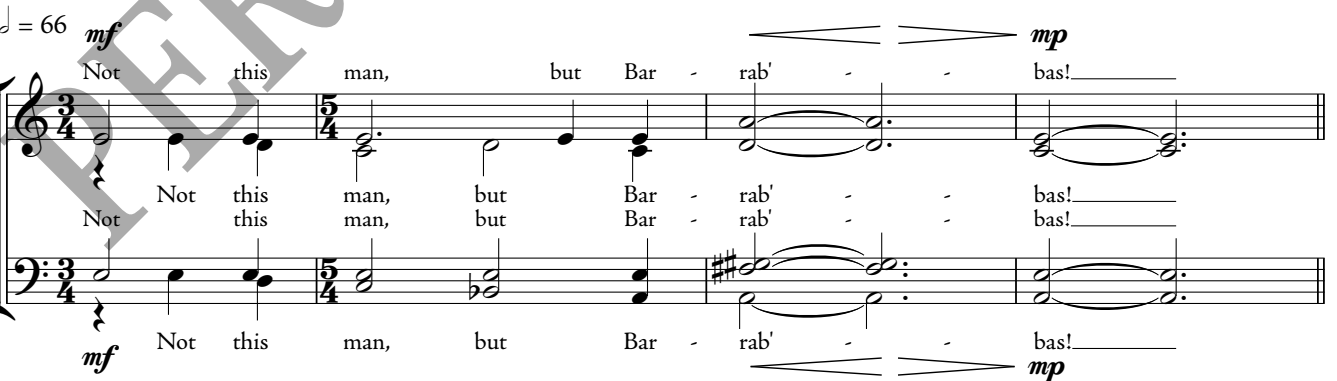
Ev.  Af - ter he had said this, he went out to the Jews a - gain, and told them,

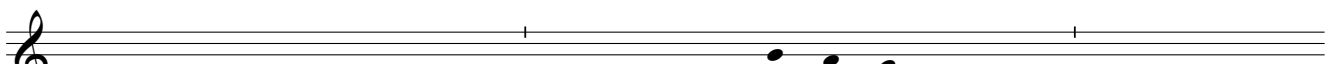
T.  I find no crime in him. 39. But you have a cus - tom that I should re - lease one man


T.  for you at the Pass - o - ver; will you have me re - lease for you the King \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews?


Ev.  40. They cried out a - gain,

*mf* Not this man, but Bar - rab' - bas! *mp*  
 Choir *mf* Not Not this man, but Bar - rab' - bas! *mp*  
*mf* Not this man, but Bar - rab' - bas! *mp*



Ev.  Now Bar - rab' - bas was a rob - ber. 1. Then Pi - late took Je - sus and scourged him. 2. And the sol - diers

Ev.    
 8 plait - ed a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and ar - rayed him in a pur - ple robe;

Ev.    
 8 3. they came up to him, say - ing,


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S.    
 8 Hail, \_\_\_\_\_ hail, \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jews!


A.    
 8 Hail, \_\_\_\_\_ hail, \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jews!\_


T.    
 8 Hail, \_\_\_\_\_ hail, \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jews!


B.    
 8 Hail, \_\_\_\_\_ hail, \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jews!

Ev.    
 8 and struck him with their hands. 4. Pi - late went out a - gain, and said to them,

T.    
 8 See, I am bring - ing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.


Ev.    
 8 5. So Je - sus came out, wear - ing the crown of thorns and the pur - ple robe. Pi - late said to them,


T.    
 8 Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ the man!

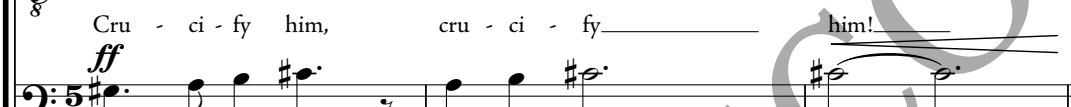
Ev. 

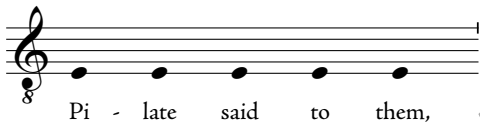
6. When the chief priests and the of - fi - cers saw him, they cried out,  
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S. *ff*   
 Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!

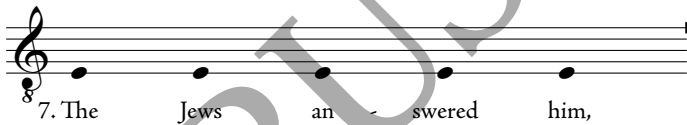
A. *ff*   
 Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!

T. *ff*   
 Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!


B. *ff*   
 Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!


Ev.   
 Pi - late said to them,

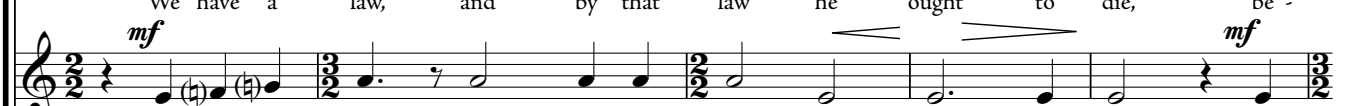
T.   
 Take him your-selves and cru - ci - fy him, for I find no crime in him.

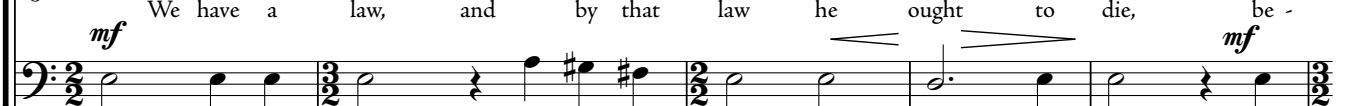
Ev.   
 7. The Jews an - swered him,

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S. *mf*   
 We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, be -

A. *mf*   
 We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, be -

T. *mf*   
 We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, be -

B. *mf*   
 We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, be -

S. *mp*  
cause he has made him - self the Son of God.

A. *mp*  
cause he has made him - self the Son of God.

T. *mp*  
cause he has made him - self the Son of God.

B. *mp*  
cause he has made him - self the, the Son of God.

Ev.  
8. When Pi - late heard these words, he was the more a - fraid; 9. he en - tered the prae - to - ri - um a - gain

Ev.  
and said to Je - sus,

T.  
Where are you from?

Ev.  
But Je - sus gave no an - swer. 10. Pi - late there - fore said to him,

T.  
You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to re - lease you and

T.  
power to cru - ci - fy you?


Ev.  
11. Je - sus an - swered him,

J. 

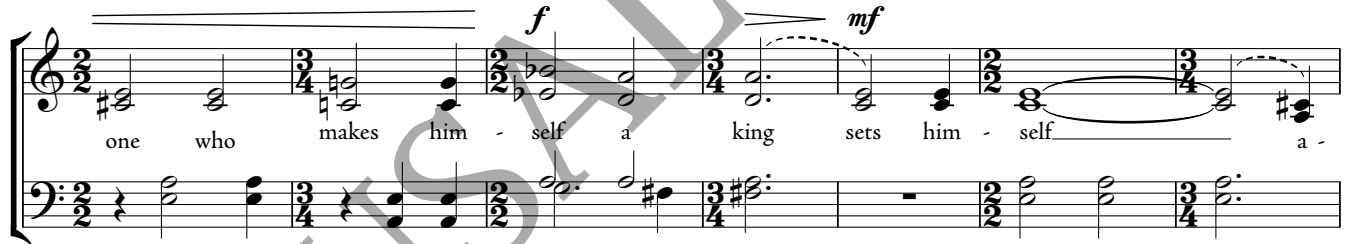
You would have no po - wer o - ver me un - less it had been giv - en you from a - bove;


J. 

there-fore he who de - li - vered me to you has the great - er sin.

Ev.   
 12. Up - on this Pi - late sought to re - lease him, but the Jews cried out,  
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Choir   
 If you re - lease this man, you are not Cae - sar's friend; ev - ery  
 If you re - lease this man, you are not Cae - sar's friend; ev - ery

Choir   
 one who makes him - self a king sets him - self a -  
 one who makes him - self a king sets him - self

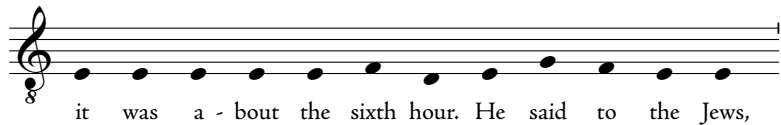
Choir   
 gainst Cae - sar.  
 a - gainst Cae - sar.

Ev. 

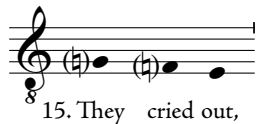
13. When Pi - late heard these words, he brought Je - sus out and sat down on the judge - ment seat at a place called The

Ev. 

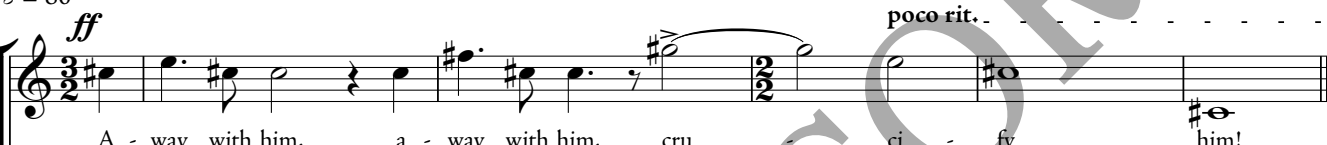
Pave - ment, and in He - brew, Gab' - ba - tha. 14. Now it was the day of Prep - a - ra - tion of the Pas - so - ver;


Ev. 

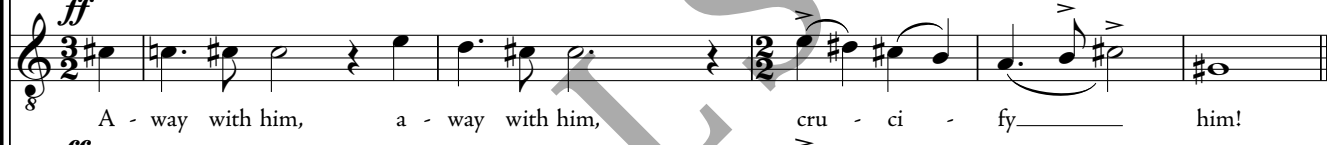
T. 


Ev. 

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S.  *ff* *poco rit.*

A.  *ff*

T.  *ff*

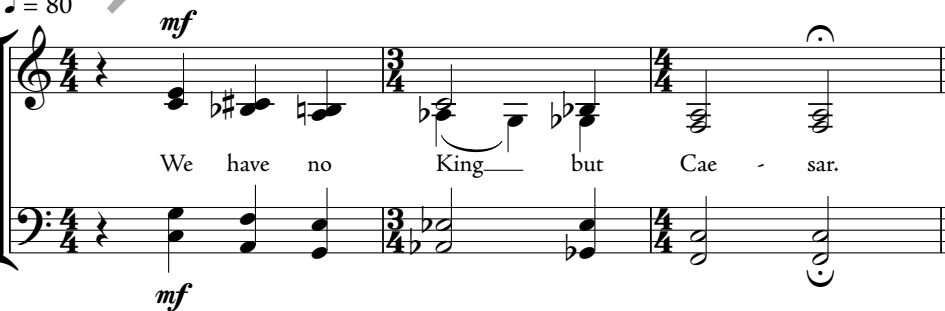
B.  *ff*

Ev. 

T. 

Ev. 

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Choir  *mf*