

Salve caput cruentatum

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Henry W. Baker / PASSION CHORALE

1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed by crown of pierc - ing thorn!
2. I see your strength and vig - our all fad - ing in the strife,
3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me

1. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, re - viled and put to scorn!
2. and death with cru - el rig - our, be - reav - ing your of life;
3. with your most sweet com - pas - sion, un - worth - y though I be:

1. Death's pal - lid hue comes o'er you, the glow of life de - cays,
2. O ag - on - y and dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free!
3. be - neath your cross a - bid - ing for ev - er would I rest,

1. yet an - gel hosts a - dore you and trem - ble as they gaze.
2. Je - sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.
3. in your dear love con - fid - ing, and with your pres - ence blest.

Inspiration: "Salve caput cruentatum"; attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1091-1152.

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Music: PASSION CHORALE; "Mein G'müt ist mir verwirret", Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; adapted and arranged by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.