

*Salve caput cruentatum*  
**O Sacred Head, Surrounded**

Henry W. Baker + Arthur T. Russell / PASSION CHORALE



1. O Sa - cred Head, sur-round - ed by crown of pierc-ing thorn!
2. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me
3. Christ Je - sus, we a - dore you, our thorn-crowned Lord and King.



1. O bleed-ing Head, so wound - ed, re - viled and put to scorn!
2. with your most sweet com - pas - sion, un - worth - y though I be:
3. We bow our heads be - fore you, and to your cross we cling.



1. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, the glow of life de - cays,
2. be - neath your cross a - bid - ing for ev - er would I rest,
3. Lord, give us strength to bear it with pa-tience and with love,



1. yet an - gel hosts a - dore you and trem - ble as they gaze.
2. in your dear love con - fid - ing, and with your pres-ence blest.
3. that we may tru - ly mer - it a glo-rious crown a - bove.

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