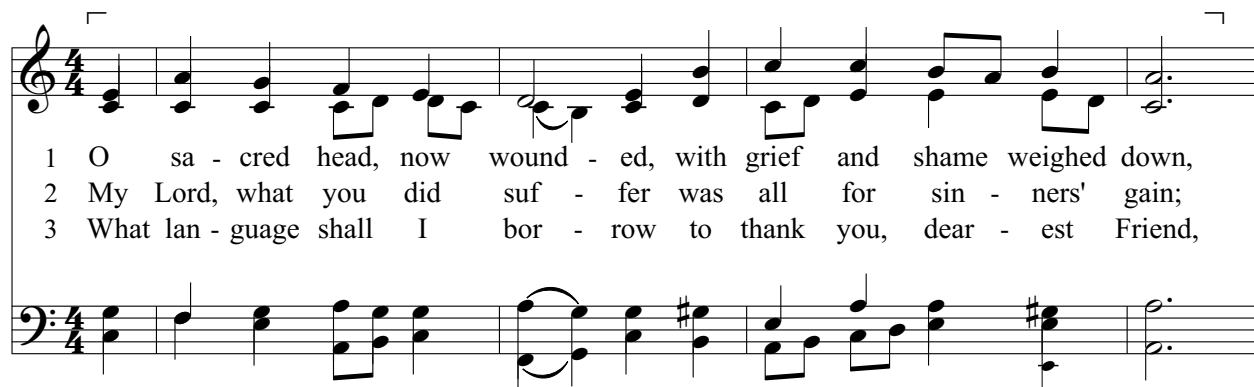
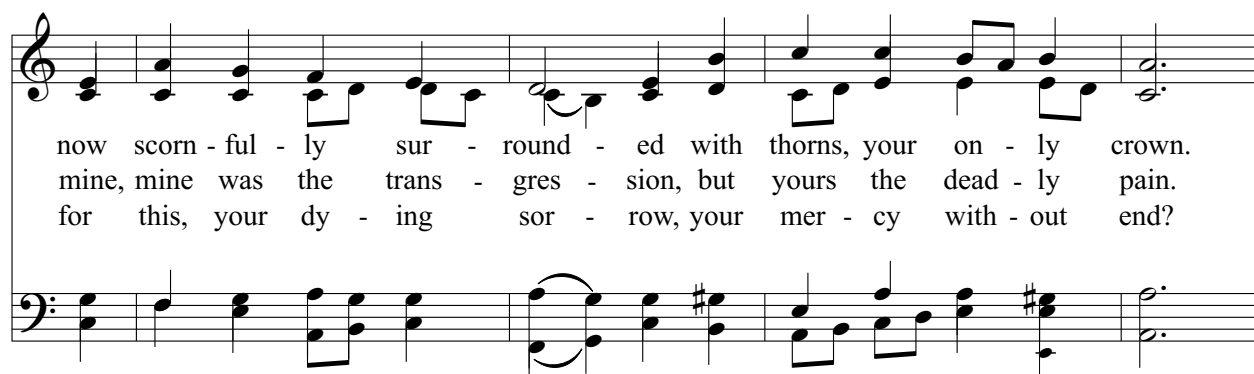


O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 My Lord, what you did suf - fer was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, your on - ly crown.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but yours the dead - ly pain.
for this, your dy - ing sor - row, your mer - cy with - out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry and bless - ing you have known!
So here I kneel, my Sav - ior, for I de - serve your place;
Lord, make me yours for - ev - er, a loy - al ser - vant true,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I claim you as my own.
look on me with your fa - vor and save me by your grace.
and let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.

Text: Latin, medieval; German tr. Paul Gerhardt,
1656; tr. James W. Alexander, 1830, alt.
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