COMMUNION HYMN

1. Jesus, sought by the maddened rabble,

 like meekest of lambs driven to the slaughter



 Jesus, for thirty silver pieces

ungratefully sold by Judas the traitor. 

 Jesus, down cast with sorrow and pain,

 longing anxiously: death for man's salvation. 

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 Jesus, in the dark olive garden

shedding bloody sweat, accepting the chalice 

 Jesus, snared slyly into cruel hands

by Judas the traitor, ungrateful disciple. 

Jesus, roughly bound by drugged hire-lings:

the rope, coarse and strong tearing your flesh sorely. 

 Jesus, jeered and scoffed by the rabble.

 before the mock court of the highpriest Annas. 

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 **FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION**

 ADORATION OF THE CROSS Ralph Bednar z2016



 Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,

 you have prepared a Cross for your Savior



Because I led you out through the desert for for*ty* years

 and fed you with manna

 and brought you into a land of plenty,

 you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

 Holy is God

What more should I have done for you

 and have not done?

 Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine

 and you have turned very bitter for me,

 for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink

 and with a lance you pierced your Savior’s side.

 Holy is God

I scourged Egypt for your sake with its firstborn sons,

 and you scourged me and handed me over.

 I led you out from Egypt/ as Pharoah

 lay sunk in the Red Sea,

 and you handed me over to the chief priests

 My people. . .

 I opened up the sea before you,

 and you opened my side with a lance.

 I went before you in a pillar of cloud,

 and you led me into Pilate’s palace.

 My people. . .

 I fed you with manna in the desert,

and on me you rained blows and lashes.

 I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,

and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar.

My people . . .

 I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,

and you struck my head with a reed.

 I put in your hand a royal scepter,

and you put on my head a crown of thorns.

My people . . .

 I exalted you with great power,

and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross

 My people . . .

Holy s God . **. .**

 PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR for COMMUNION

 *As the Eucharist os brought into the church*

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood , Be for us a foretaste in the test of death. O sweet Jesus! O Loving Jesus! O Jesus Son of Mary.*



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