

(St. Christopher. 7. 6. 7. 6. D.)

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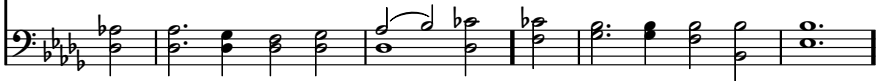
1. O Head once full of bruises, So full of pain and scorn,
2. Thou Countenance transcendental! Thou life-creating Sun!
3. We give Thee thanks unfeigned, O Saviour, Friend in need,



Mid other sore abuses, Mocked with a crown of thorn;
 To worlds on Thee dependent— Yet bruised and spit upon:
 For what Thy soul sustained When Thou for us didst bleed.



O Head e'en now surrounded With brightest majesty,
 O Lord, what Thee torment-ed Was our sins' heavy load,
 Grant us to lean unshaken Upon Thy faithful-ness,



In death once bowed and wounded On the accursed tree:
 We had the debt augmented Which Thou didst pay in blood.
 Until, to glory taken, We see Thee face to face.

