The Least of These

Based on Matthew 25:31-46 and John 21:15-17

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Arr. by Rick Modlin

INTRO Gently (\( \text{\textbf{q}} = \text{ca. 80} \))

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
D & D\text{ sus}2,4 & D & A/D & G/D & D & A \\
\end{array}
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Piano

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
Em & D/F\# & A & D & D\text{ sus}2,4 & D & A/D & Bm & F\#m/A & G/D & A/D \\
\end{array}
\]

VERSES: Soloist(s) or Choir

Melody

1. Lord, when did we see you?
2. When did I neglect you?

Harmony

3. Lord, when did I let you,
4. Lord, I want to help you
5. Simon, do you love me?

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
D & A/D & G/D & D & D\text{ sus}2,4 & D & A/D & G/D & D \\
\end{array}
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1. hun - gry and for - sak - en, help - less and im - 
2. Sure - ly I’d have no - ticed if you had been 
3. let you be my scape - goat? When did I de - 
4. car - ry your great bur - den; show you that I 
5. Yes, you know I love you. Si - mon, if you 

A Em D/F# A D Dsus2,4 D A/D

1. pris - oned, a strang - er in need? 
2. want - ing for an - y - thing. 
3. ny you? Lord, is it I? 
4. love you with all my heart. 
5. love me, care for my sheep.

Bm F#m/A G A D

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REFRAIN: Two-part mixed or SATB Choir
Soprano/Alto

Dmaj7/F#  G  Em7  Asus4  A  Dmaj7/F#  G

Em7  A  A/G  Dmaj7/F#  G  Em7  Asus4  A

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you have cared for me, you have cared for

Bm F#m/A Gadd9 G/F# Em7 A sus4

D.S. Final a tempo rit. me, me, a tempo rit. me, me, a tempo rit.

D D sus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D S.

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INTRO  Gently (♩ = ca. 80)

(Piano)

VERSES: Soloist(s) or Choir

Melody

Harmony

Lord, when did we see you hungry and forsaken,

When did I neglect you? Surely I’d have noticed

Lord, when did I let you, let you be my scape goat?

Lord, I want to help you carry your great burden;

Simon, do you love me? Yes, you know I love you.

Help less and imprisoned, a stranger in need?

If you had been wanting for anything.

When did I deny you? Lord, is it I?

Show you that I love you with all my heart.

Simon, if you love me, care for my sheep.

Lord, when did we neglect you?

Lord, show you that I love you.

Lord, help me with your great burden.

Lord, care for my sheep.

Lord, I want to see you hungry and forsaken,

When I neglected you, surely I’d have noticed

Let you be my scape goat?

Wanting for anything.

deny you? Lord, is it I?

love you with all my heart.

care for my sheep.

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REFRAIN: Two-part mixed choir

Dmaj7/F# G Em7 A sus4 A Dmaj7/F# G

“What you do for the least of these, you have done for me.

Em7 A A/G Dmaj7/F# G Em7 A sus4 A

When you care for the least of these, you have cared for me.

Bm F#m/A Gadd9 G/F# Em7 A sus4

you have cared for me, you have cared for me.

1-4

D D sus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D

Final

D D sus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D

a tempo

rit.

Chord Charts

Dsus2,4

A/D

G/D

A/D

Dsus2,4

A/D

G/D

A/D

Dsus2,4

A/D

G/D

A/D

Dsus2,4

A/D

G/D

A/D

Dsus2,4

A/D

G/D
Assembly Edition

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Verses

1. Lord, when did we see you hun-gry and for-sak-en,
   2. When did I ne-glect you? Sure-ly I'd have no-ticed
   3. Lord, when did I let you, let you be my scape-goat?
   4. Lord, I want to help you car-ry your great bur-den;
   5. Si-mon, do you love me? Yes, you know I love you.

Refrain

“What you do for the least of these, you have done for
   me. When you care for the least of these, you have
cared for me, you have cared for me.”

Composer Notes

The Lectionary readings for Christ the King are ironic. Jesus the King is in situations of powerlessness and vulnerability: nailed to the cross in Year C, and about to be handed over for execution in Year B. In Year A, the enthroned Son of Man identifies himself with “the least of these.” To be in Christ is to be in solidarity with the poor. To be with Christ is to be with the least among us. Since the Eucharist is about entering into Christ, especially his agapic self-offering for others, this is a central theme of the liturgy, not a special theme for “social justice” Sundays only!

—Bob Hurd

Uses: Preparation of the Gifts, Communion, and post-Communion, especially 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (Christ the King); 25th and 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time, Year C; 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C; 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A