The Least of These

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

Bob Hurd
Arr. by Rick Modlin

INTRO  Gently (♩ = ca. 80)

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

Piano

Em  D/F♯  A  D  D sus2,4  D  A/D  B♭  F♯/m/A  G/D  A/D

VERSES: Soloist(s) or Choir

Melody

Harmony

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

Soprano

Alto

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

Tenor

Bass

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

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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 hope goa - When did I de -
4. car - ry your great 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 stran - ger in need?
2. want - ing every - thing.
3. ny you? is it I?
4. love you what all my heart.
5. love me, care for my sheep.

Bm F#m/A G A D
REFRAIN: Two-part mixed or SATB Choir
Soprano/Alto

Tenor/Bass

S

A

T

B

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

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

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

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

When you care for the least of these,"

When you care for the least of these,"

least of these,"
The Least of These

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

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

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

D A/DDsus2,4 D

Final rit.

1-4 D sus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D.S.

1-4 D sus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D.S.

1-4

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(Guitar/Choral)

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INTRO  Gently

D Dsus2,4 D A G/D D A Em D/F♯ A

(Piano)

D Dsus2,4 D A/D Bm F♯/m/A G/D A/D D A/D G/D

VERSES: Soloist(s) or Choir

Melody

D Dsus2,4 D A/D G/D D A Em D/F♯ A

Harmony

1. Lord, when did we neglect you? Surely I'd have noticed
   hungry and forsaken,
2. When did I neglect you?
3. Lord, when did I let you let you be my scapegoat?
4. Lord, I want to help carry your great burden;
5. Simon, do you love me? Yes, you know I love you.

T/B

D Dsus2,4 D A/D F♯/m/A G A D

1. helpless and ignored, stranger in need?
2. if you had been what is for anything.
3. When did I deny you? Lord, is it I?
4. show you that I love you with all my heart.
5. Simon, if you love me, care for my sheep.

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REFRAIN: Two-part mixed choir

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

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

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

me.

When you care for the least of these,

Bm F#m/A G G/F# Em7.last time Asus4

you have cared for

you have cared for

rit. last time

Dsus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D

me.”

Dsus2,4 D A/D G/D A/D D

a tempo

a tempo

rit.

rit.

Chord Charts

Dsus2,4 A/D G/D

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Assembly Edition

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2. When did I neglect you? Surely I’d have noticed,
3. Lord, when did I let you, let you be my scape-goat?
4. Lord, I want to help you carry your great burden;
5. Simon, do you love me? Yes you know I love you.

1. helpless and imprisoned, a stranger in need?
2. if you had been wanting for anything,
3. when did I deny you? Lord, is it I?
4. show you that I love you with all my heart.
5. Simon, if you love me, care for my sheep.

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.”

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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