

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

Lent Communion Rite

Refrain: John L. Bell
Verses: Gabe Huck

Music: John L. Bell
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1. Lamb of God

Gently ♩ = ca. 76

Invocations (Repeat as needed)

Cantor

1./Final Je - sus, Lamb of God,
2. Je - sus, Spir - it led,
3. Je - sus, child of Eve,
4. Je - sus, font of life,
5. Je - sus, ho - ly ground,
6. Je - sus, song of songs,
7. Je - sus, grain of wheat,
8. Je - sus, sin - ner's friend,
9. Je - sus, blest your name,

S, A/All **f** 5
you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

T, B **f**

To Repeat
D/F# G A/G To Repeat D/F# Bm Bm/A Em D/F# Em/G Em7 A SUS4 A

9 *Last time*

sins of the world: _____ grant us your peace.

Last time

D/F# C ADD9/G G Em D/F# A SUS4 A D G/D

rit. *a tempo* *mp*

Vamp (Repeat as needed)

Em/D A/D D A/C# G/B Em/G A SUS4 A G A/G

13

17

To Repeat

D/F# Em D/F# A SUS4 A D G/D

To Communion Processional

A SUS4 A A/C#

2. Communion Processional

Refrain

21 *Descant*

Take me as I am. Sum-mon what I shall

All

Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall be.

f

D G/D Em/D A/D D A/C#G/B Em/G A^{SUS4} A

25 (Last time ☺) *To Verses*

be and live in me.

(Last time ☺)

Set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. (☺)

(Last time ☺)

G A/G D/F# Em D/F# A^{SUS4} A *To Verses*

Verses*

28

Cantor

1. Marked with ash - es we have come, we, the world so trou - ble -
 2. Clay and breath of God are we, E - den gar - den round that
 3. Dine we here on bro - ken bread. Here the love - ly world is
 4. All who thirst shall gath - er here. We, the world draw ev - er
 5. Stran - gers all by sin dis - persed; God, our moth - er, quench our
 6. Now we pray by day and night, keep the fast to clear our
 7. Strong and weak, be here at home. Bold or shy, here laugh, here

D G/D Em/D A/D D A/C# G/B Em

mf

Assembly or Cantor**

D.S.

But you, O Lord:

31

1. some, we, the mem - bers; Christ, our sum. _____
 2. tree, Eve and Ad - am, you and me. _____
 3. wed, God's own dar - ling by God led. _____
 4. near: Christ's own blood, this cup so dear. _____
 5. thirst. Thus is jus - tice here re - heard. _____
 6. sight, share our goods to set things right. _____
 7. groan. Gos - pel weighs too much a - lone. _____

A SUS4 A G A/G D/F# Em D/F# A SUS4 A

D.S.

* These verses are appropriate for the entire Lenten Season. Additional verses for each Sunday of each year begin on page 56.

** The line "But you, O Lord" at the end of each verse connects the verse to the refrain. The sense is:

But you, O Lord,
 take, O take me as I am.

To make this connection clearer, the assembly may be invited to sing that line at the end of the verse while the cantor sustains the note in measures 33 and 34, or the cantor may sing it alone.

Lenten Communion: Weekly Verses Year A



1A-1. Eve	and	Ad - am's	dis - tant	child,	fast - ing	Je - sus	not be -
1A-2. How	in	fast - ing	shall we	thrive?	Bat - tle	greed and	greed de -
2A-1. With	our	fa - ther	A - bra - ham,	wan - d'ring	through this	rest - less	
2A-2. Like	the	shin - ing	sun this	face;	clouds and	voic - es,	proph - ets'
3A-1. Bless	- ed	wo - man,	from this	well	run with	news so	good to
3A-2. Bless	- ed	Je - sus	at the	well,	all our	ways and	wit dis -
*Scr. Who	can	bear God's	scru - ti -	ny?	Flesh and	blood, for	mer - cy



guiled:	Strength	- en	us this	lent - en	while.	
prive?	God's	own	word in	us a -	live!	
land,	hold	God's	prom - ise,	God's de -	mand.	
place.	Cross	of	Je - sus,	all em -	brace!	
tell:	Liv - ing	wa - ter,	with us	dwell!		
pel.	Liv - ing	wa - ter,	with us	dwell!		
plea!	God's	own	Spir - it,	in us	be!	



4A-1. Who	can	bear God's	scru - ti -	ny?	Spit - and	dust - a -
4A-2. Wake,	O	sleep - ers,	o - pen -	eyed.	Walk to -	geth - er,
5A-1. Church,	all	scat - tered	by our	sin,	can these	dry bones
5A-2. Weep,	O	Je - sus,	at this	tomb.	So shall	death God's
5A-3. Death,	O	Death, O	en - e -	my!	Death, your	grip shall
P. S.-1. To	the	dust I	am brought	down,	thorns and	blood my
P. S.-2. Hear,	O	God, a	ser - vant's	wail:	You, Al -	might - y,
						now so



be!	Say:	I went,	I washed,	I see!	
side.	Light	the	good world	far and	wide.
gain?	Can	God's	Spir - it	en - ter	in?
sume	till	by	death shall	death be	doomed.
be!	Laz -	a -	rus, come	forth, be	free!
crown.	With	the	poor I'm	ev - er	bound.
frail,	shall	the	pow'r of	death pre -	vail?

**Used on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays, whenever Scrutinies are celebrated.*

Lenten Communion: Weekly Verses Year B



1B-1. Eve	and	Ad - am's	dis - tant	child,	fast - ing	Je - sus	not be -
1B-2. How	in	fast - ing	shall	we thrive?	Bat - tle	greed	and greed de -
2B-1. With	our	fa - ther	A - bra - ham,	wan - d'ring	through	this	rest - less
2B-2. Like	the	shin - ing	sun	this face;	clouds	and	voic - es, proph - ets'
3B-1. Some	go	search - ing	far	and wide:	Where	is	wis - dom, beau - ty,
3B-2. God	so	fool - ish,	God	so weak	plays	with	us at hide - and -
*Scr. Who	can	bear	God's	scru - ti - ny?	Flesh	and	blood, for mer - cy



But you, O Lord:

guiled: prive?	Strength - en	us	this	lent - en	while.	
land, place.	God's	own	word	in	us	a - live!
pride? seek,	hold	God's	prom - ise,	God's	de -	mand.
plea!	Cross	of	Je - sus,	all	em -	brace!
	Tell	them:	Here!	Christ	cru - ci -	fied!
	finds	and	claims	us,	bids	us speak.
	God's	own	Spir - it,	in	us	be!



4B-1. Sis -	ters,	broth - ers,	wave	on	wave,	caught	by	grace,	by	grace	a -
4B-2. We,	the	world	that	God	would charm,	love	and	wait	with	o -	pen
5B-1. Tell,	my	tongue,	this	E -	den plot:	By	our	sin	is	Sav -	ior
5A-2. Who	can	grasp	this	mys -	ter - y?	Christ	for	us	up -	on	the
P. S.-1. To	the	dust	I	am	brought down,	thorns	and	blood	my	on -	ly
P. S.-2. Hear,	O	God,	a	ser -	vant's wail:	You,	Al -	might -	y,	now	so



But you, O Lord:

mazed!	Bab -	y -	lon	it -	self	is	saved!
arms,	"Come	to	ta -	ble,	safe	from	harm!"
caught,	with	the	wretch -	ed	casts	his	lot.
tree:	"Why	have	you	for -	sak -	en	me?"
crown.	With	the	poor	I'm	ev -	er	bound.
frail,	shall	the	pow'r	of	death	pre -	vail?

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Lenten Communion: Weekly Verses Year C



1C-1. Eve	and	Ad - am's	dis - tant	child,	fast - ing	Je - sus	not be -
1C-2. How	in	fast - ing	shall we	thrive?	Bat - tle	greed and	greed de -
2C-1. With	our	fa - ther	A - bra -	ham,	wan - d'ring	through this	rest - less
2C-2. Like	the	shin - ing	sun this	face;	clouds and	voic - es,	proph-ets'
3C-1. From	the	rock, from	Je - sus'	side,	flow God's	mer - cy	wa - ters
3C-2. In -	fant's	thirst at	Ma - ry's	breast,	then at	well a	thirst - y
*Scr. Who	can	bear God's	scru - ti -	ny?	Flesh and	blood, for	mer - cy



guiled:	Strength	- en	us this	lent - en	while.	
prive?	God's	own	word in	us a	live!	
land,	hold	God's	prom - ise,	God's de	mand.	
place.	Cross	of	Je - sus,	all em	brace!	
wide:	War	no	more, this	riv - er's	side.	
guest,	till	"I	thirst" on	cross at	tests.	
plea!	God's	own	Spir - it,	in us	be!	



4C-1. Day	and	night hold	e - qual	sway.	Come, bright	moon, in	full ar -
4C-2. Who	is	cho - sen	in God's	grace?	Rich and	might - y	lose their
5C-1. Let	go	all that	lies be -	hind.	Strain, O	strain, and	God will
5C-2. Sin	- ners	all, as	good as	dead,	by the	church to	Je - sus
P. S.-1. To	the	dust I	am brought	down,	thorns and	blood my	on - ly
P. S.-2. Hear,	O	God, a	ser - vant's	wail:	You, Al -	might - y,	now so



ray:	God's	pass	- ov - er,	won - drous	day!	
place.	See	the	Prod - i -	gal em	braced!	
find	all	in	Christ, all	hu - man	kind.	
led,	ev -	er -	more by	Je - sus	fed.	
crown.	With	the	poor I'm	ev - er	bound.	
frail,	shall	the	pow'r of	death pre	vail?	

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