

An Archive of the musical compositions by Herb Bielawa

Composition:

**Four Preludes on Hymns of the Church**— organ solo

Date: 1964

Duration: c.12:00 complete

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Dundee

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Pange Lingua

No Recording:

Program Note:

These pieces were written during the spring of 1964 when Bielawa was choir director at St. James Episcopal Church in Los Angeles. They were intended as service music for performance during the offertory or communion. *O Sacred Head* is a three-part canon with a free voice. *Dundee* is an homage to Reger. *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* is an homage to Brahms. *Pange lingua* states the chant melody in the top voice and then echoes it phrase by phrase inverted in the tenor. The pieces were originally published by Abingdon Press.