

## Adoration of the Holy Cross: Improperia (Reproaches), Parts I and II

## Part I

*a capella**First time: Chanter(s); Second time: ALL*

My peo - ple, what have I done to you? How have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer me!

*Chanter(s)*

I led you out of Egypt, from sla-v'ry to freedom, but you led your Sa-vior to the cross.

T. 1d

Ho - ly is God, Ho - ly and strong, Ho-ly and Im - mor - tal One, have mer-cy on us.

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T. 1d; additional music, BMP

1. For for - ty years I led you safely through the des - ert,  
2. What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fair-est vine,

1. I fed you with man - na from heav - en,  
2. but you yielded on - ly bit - ter - ness.

*May be sung in SATB*

1. and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Savior to the cross.  
2. when I was thirsty, you gave me vin - e - gar to drink, and you pierced your Savior with a lance.

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Part II

**℞** *First time: Chanter(s); Second time: ALL*

My peo - ple, what have I done to you? How have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer me!

**℣** 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (\* see footnote) T. 1d; additional music, BMP

1. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons,
3. I o - pened the sea be - fore you,
5. I bore you up with manna in the des - ert,
7. For you I struck down the kings of Ca - naan,
9. I raised you to a height of maj - es - ty,

1. but you brought your scour-ges down on me. **℞**
3. but you opened my side\_ with a lance. **℞**
5. but you struck me down and\_ scourged me. **℞**
7. but you struck my head\_ with a reed. **℞**
9. but you raised me high up - on a cross. **℞**

**℣** 2, 4, 6, 8

*May be sung in SATB*

2. I led you from slavery to freedom, and drowned your captors in the\_ sea,
4. I led you on your way in a pil - lar of cloud,
6. I gave you saving water from the\_ rock,
8. I gave you a roy - al\_ sceptre,

2. but you handed me over to your high priests. **℞**
4. but you led me to Pi - late's court. **℞**
6. but you gave me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. **℞**
8. but you gave me a crown of\_ thorns. **℞**

**\*NOTE: In Part II, the versicles may be sung individually or in pairs, at the director's discretion.**

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