**O God, When Trust is Shattered**

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D (“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”)

O God, when trust is shattered by wolves among your sheep,

when youth and children suffer, when those remembering weep,

when victims tell their stories, when leaders hide abuse,

bring healing, love and mercy! Bring justice, God of truth!

When leaders side with evil, when people do their worst,

may we reach out to victims and put their healing first.

If any member suffers, we all will suffer, too.

Bring healing, love and mercy! Bring justice, God of truth!

We pray that the abusers will learn sin’s awful cost,

and— making no excuses— will know that they are lost.

Then may they find redemption— as we all need it, too.

Bring healing, love and mercy! Bring justice, God of truth!

May all who serve in churches be careful, watchful, wise.

May we prevent abuses and hear your children’s cries.

We pray that institutions will seek your way anew.

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Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

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