



Poem on the Seven Last Sayings

When the Lord of glory was crucified—
Before He bowed His head and died—
Seven times He spoke—let us all then hear,
As these blessed words fall upon our ear.

His cross was placed on Golgotha's hill
He was fulfilling His Father's will,
As He took our place in judgment and death,
And suffered in the sinner's stead.

As they drove the nails through His feet and
hands,
Was it justice that He from His God demands?
Nay, instead He beholds them in love and
grace,
And thus He prayed for His enemies:

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what
they do."

Have these words, dear friend, ever reached
you?

'Twas also for you that the Saviour prayed,
And the hand of just retribution stayed.

Two robbers were crucified there with Him,
Who were suffering justly for their sin.
But one repented before he died,
And turned to the Saviour by his side.

And said in tones of expectancy:
"Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom
remember me."

He saw that Christ was the true Messiah,
The Blessed, Anointed One of Jehovah.

"Verily I say unto thee," the Saviour replies,
"Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."
This unworthy sinner was saved that day,
And you may be too, if you come God's way.

As He lovingly looked upon Mary and John,
He said to her, "Woman, behold thy Son";
And then said to him, "Behold thy mother."
So, from that hour on they lived together.

Then for three hours darkness covered the land,
And we see God's rod in His uplifted hand.
The stroke must fall—oh, wondrous grace!—
It fell on Jesus, Who took our place.

His cry of distress as He hung on that tree:
"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken
Me?"
Was heard from that darkness when He was
made sin,
That we might be made the righteousness of
God in Him.

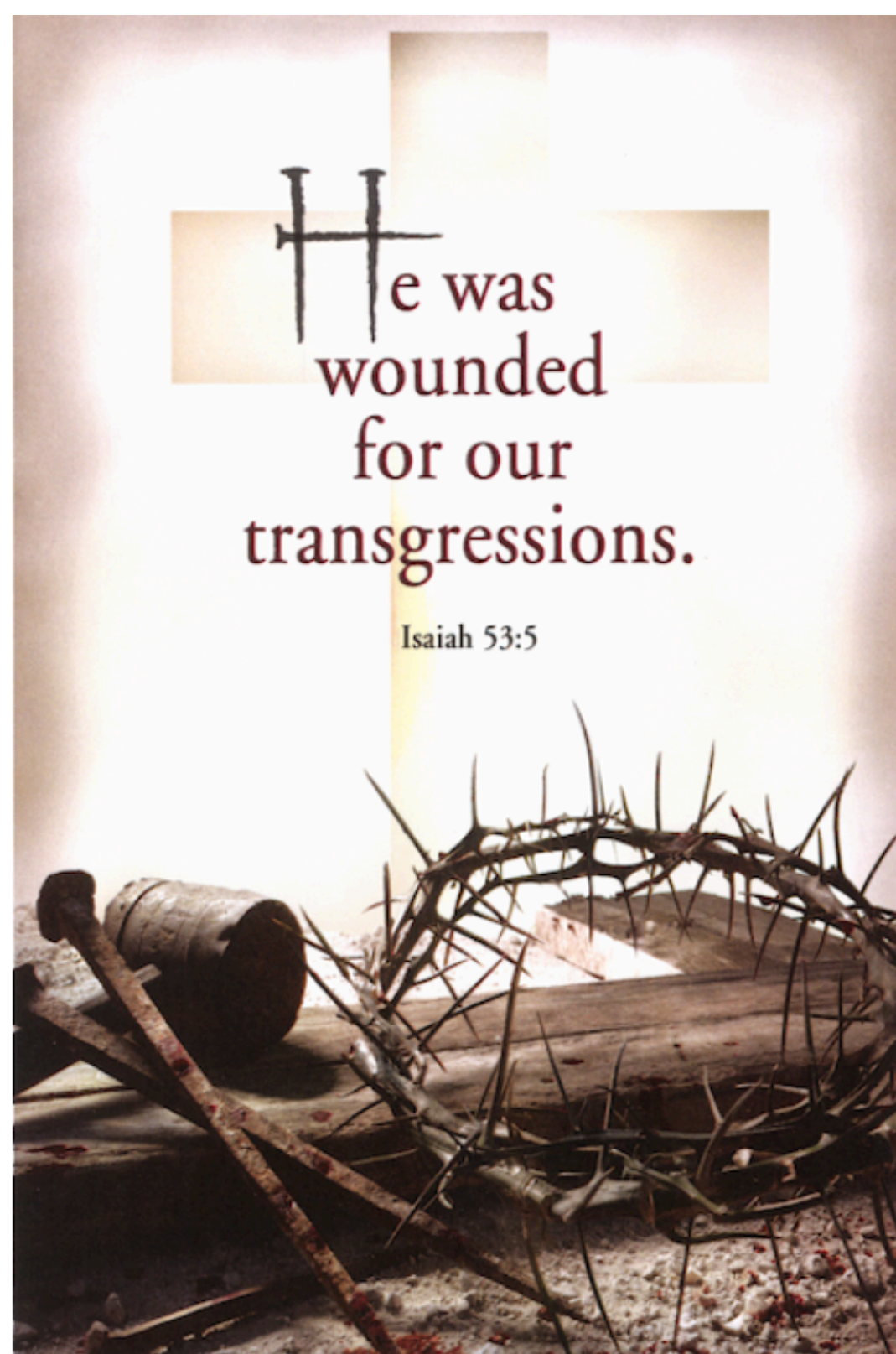
And now, to fulfill the Scriptures—God's Word—
"I thirst" from His parched, burning lips was
heard;
But they had no pity—no water they gave,
Instead reached Him vinegar Who died man to
save.

When He knew there was now no more to fulfill,
(His joy and food was to do His Father's will)
He cried, "It is finished" with voice loud and
clear,
That all, without exception, those blessed words
might hear.

Atonement completed, He bowed His blessed
head,
"Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit," He
said.
He dismissed His spirit—the Lord of glory died—
The justice of God was completely satisfied.

But we cannot stop this sweet story here:
He was raised the third day the Scriptures
declare.
A living, loving Saviour, He's in the glory now,
Oh, will you not receive Him—to Him your knee
bow?

And, oh, blessed truth, He's coming again
To receive to Himself those belonging to Him!
Are you ready for this most important event?
Can you say, "Even so, come, Lord
Jesus, Amen?"



Order of Service

Welcome

The Word of Forgiveness - Luke 23:34.....John Gehring
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,"

Song of Worship.....*Nothing but the Blood*

The Word of Salvation - Luke 23:43.....Orville Dennis
"Truly, I say unto you, today you shall be with me in
paradise."

The Word of Affection - John 19:26-27.....Jason Baker
"Woman, behold your Son;" "Behold, your mother."

Song of Worship.....*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Taking of the Bread

The Word of Anguish - Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
Glen Schaumloeffel
"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

The Word of Suffering - John 19:28.....Jeff Tabor
"I thirst."

Special Music.....*Were You There?*
Soloist Arlene Fisher

The Word of Victory - John 19:30.....Tom Elliott
"It is finished."

Song of Worship.....*Jesus Paid it All*

Taking of the Cup

The Word of Yieldedness/Contentment - Luke 23:46....Serhii Rybak
"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

Song of Worship.....*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

Dismissal