

ISAIAH 53 (BD19-24, 7-8; D16-21, 9-12)

(I - sai - ah chap - ter fif - ty - three:) 1)Who has be - lieved our  
 mes - sage and to whom has the arm of the LORD been re -  
 vealed? 2)He grew up be - fore him like a ten - der shoot, and like a  
 root out of dry ground. He had no beau - ty or maj - es - ty to at -  
 tract us to him, noth - ing in his ap - pear - ance that we should de -  
 sire him. 3)He was de - spised and re - ject - ed by men, a man of  
 sor - rows, and fam - il - iar with suf - fering. Like one from whom  
 men hide their fa - ces he was de - spised, and we es - teemed him not. 4)Sure - ly he took  
 up our in - fir - mi - ties and car - ried our sor - rows, yet we con - sid - ered him  
 strick - en by God, smit - ten by him, and af - flict - ed. 5)But he was pierced for our trans -  
 gres - sions, he was crushed for our in - i - qui - ties; the pun - ish - ment that  
 brought us peace was up - on him, and by his wounds we are

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 healed. 6)We all, like sheep, have gone a-stray, each of us has turned to his own

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 way; and the LORD has laid on him the in-i-qui-ty of us

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 all. 7)He was op-pressed and af-flict-ed, yet he did not

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 o-pen his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaugh-

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 ter, and as a sheep be-fore her shear-ers is si-lent, so he did not

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 o-pen his mouth. 8)By op-pres-sion and judg-ment he was ta-ken a-

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 way. And who can speak of his de-scen-dants? For he was cut off from the

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 land of the liv-ing; for the trans-gres-sion of my peo-ple he was strick-

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 en. 9)He was as-signed a grave with the wick-ed, and with the rich in his


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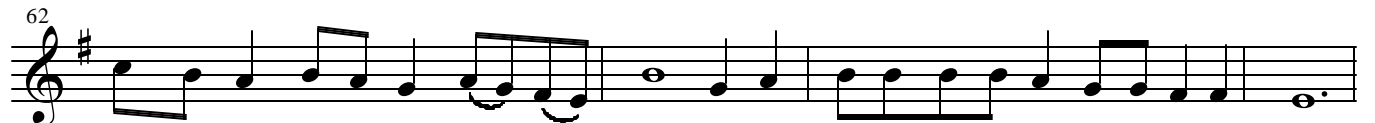
 death, though he had done no vi-o-lence, nor was an-y de- ceit in his

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 mouth. 10)Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to

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suf - fer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt of-fering, he will see his off-spring


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and pro-long his days, and the will of the LORD will pros-per in his hand.


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11) Af-ter the suf-fer-ing of his soul, he will see the light of life and be sat-is-fied;

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by his know-ledge my right-eous ser-vant will jus-ti-fy man-y, and he will bear their in-

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i-qui-ties. 12) Therefore I will give him a por-tion a-mong the great, and he

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will di-vide the spoils with the strong, be-cause he poured out his life un-to death, and was

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num-bered with the trans-gres-sors. For he bore the sin of

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man-y, and made in-ter-ces-sion for the trans-gres-sors.