"Behold My Servant"

A Meditation on the Servant Songs of Isaiah and the Passion of Christ

Tonight, we gather in solemn reflection to behold the suffering of Christ through the prophetic Servant Songs of Isaiah and the Gospel accounts of His Passion. Through Scripture, song, and short reflections, we follow the path of the Man of Sorrows—pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

Order of Service

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Hymn: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

1. The Chosen Servant

Isa 42:1–9 & Mat. 12:15–21: *Jared Bernard*

Reflection: *Derek Orn*

Isaiah 42 opens "*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights…"* This Servant is unlike the rulers of the earth. He does not crush opposition or demand recognition. He brings justice with mercy. *A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench.*

Matthew tells us this is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus heals the broken and upholds the weak. The cross is the place where justice and mercy meet. There, the Servant of God absorbs judgment to bring peace to the bruised.

Let us behold the One who does not discard the weak, but carries them. In Him, the soul of the Father delights—and so should ours.

Hymn: *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

2. The Light to the Nations

Isa 49:1–7 & John 18:28–38: Elijah Hayman

Reflection: *Louie Bond*

Isaiah's second Servant Song opens: *"Listen to me, O coastlands…"* The Servant's mission is global. Though His labor seems in vain, God responds: *"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob… I will make you as a light for the nations."*

In John 18, Jesus stands before Pilate. Rejected by His own, He testifies to a kingdom, not of this world. Though misunderstood, He stands in truth. His rejection is not failure, but fulfillment. From the shame of rejection, Christ's glory extends to all nations.

The Servant is not thwarted—He is triumphant through suffering, offering salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hymn: *Lamb of God*

3. The Obedient Servant

Isa 50:4–11 & Mark 15:16–20: *Tom Steinbeck*

Reflection: *Ron Smith*

In the third Servant Song, the voice of the Servant speaks: *"Morning by morning he awakens my ear to hear…"* This is a portrait of obedience born from communion with God. And that obedience leads to suffering: *"I gave my back to those who strike…"*

Mark 15 shows us Jesus mocked and beaten. Yet He offers no resistance. His silence is not defeat—it is trust. He entrusts Himself to the One who judges justly.

In this Servant, we see obedience not as reluctant duty, but willing devotion. He suffers willingly, and in His trust, we find our pattern of faith.

Hymn: *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*

4. The Suffering and Exalted Servant

Isa 52:13–53:12 & Luke 23:32–49: Tom Lamar

Reflection: *Devin Schlosser*

Isaiah 52–53 brings us to the climax of the Servant's mission. He is marred, despised, and pierced. Yet He bears our griefs and carries our sorrows. This is the heart of the Gospel: substitution. *The Lord lays on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Luke shows us Jesus crucified between criminals. He forgives, He suffers, He dies. And yet, Isaiah speaks of resurrection: *"He shall see his offspring… He shall prolong his days."*

The cross is not the end. The Servant is exalted, and His suffering secures our peace. Let us behold the Lamb of God, pierced for our transgressions, now risen and reigning.

Hymn: *Jesus Paid It All*

Closing Hymn

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Closing Word & Benediction

"Go in the shadow of the cross, and may you return in the light of the resurrection."