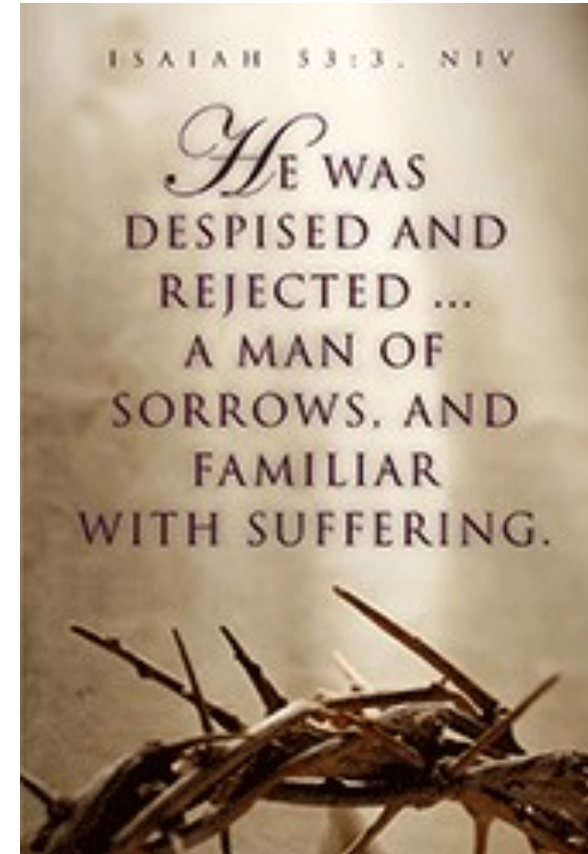
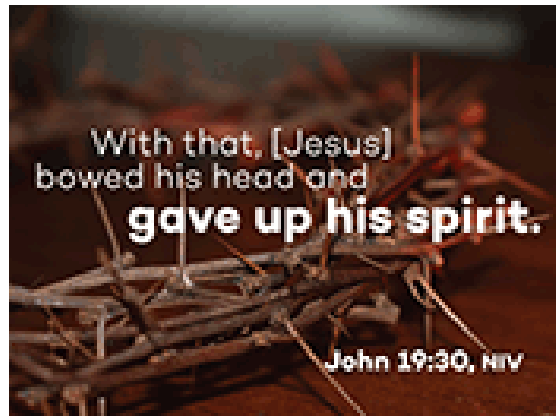


## Unison Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

\*Congregational Hymn: "Were You There?" #283

\*Benediction



**Good Friday**  
**March 30, 2018**  
**7:00pm**

**Oaklyn Baptist Church  
Good Friday Service  
March 30, 2018 ~7:00pm  
Pastor: Rev. Kelly Grimsley**

**Responsive Call to Worship:**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

***People: To tell what Jesus did in the midst of our brokenness.***

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

***People: To give our praise in the midst of our pain.***

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

***People: To seek the Lord and give God our praise.***

Leader: Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

***People: To join with the families of the earth as we  
worship the Holy One.***

**\*Congregational Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This?" #257**

**Unison Invocation:**

**Almighty God, we would be lying to you and deceiving ourselves if we pretended to be joyful and satisfied tonight. We are not. The violent pain that our friend Jesus Christ endured makes us want to hide and wait until it is over; it makes us wish to ignore his wounds altogether. Yet, in the miracle of grace, you have drawn us here, along with millions of others around the earth, that we might remember Christ's once-for-all sacrifice and covenant of grace.**

**As we worship you tonight and undertake the ancient work of remembering, we ask that you open our hearts to feel anew exactly why this is called "Good Friday." In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture: Isaiah 53**

**Music: "Glorious Day"**

**Poem**

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Loving God, whom we have ignored and disobeyed, we are amazed and awed that you continue to care for us. Our troubled spirits have chased after gods of our own making, and our self-centered ways have broken the community you intend for your children.**

**Good Shepherd, all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to our own way. We have fallen before temptation and led others to stumble and fall. Before the law of love our sins of omission are all too apparent. We have not cared for your earth and your people with the same energy we devote to our own self-interest. Our indifference adds to the evil intent that nailed Jesus to the cross.**

**Dear God, we are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don't tell anyone that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, we pray. Forgive us, and renew your covenant with us. Save us, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Congregational Song: "The Wonderful Cross"**

**Scripture: Hebrews 10:16-25**

**Message**

**Congregational Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #255**

**Poem**

**Music**

**Scripture: John 19:16b-37**