

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

## Suffering Unjustly

*Christ is our example of submission through suffering*

Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25

### SONGS

#### 8:30 service

504 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

527 The Haven of Rest

537 In My Heart There Rings A Melody

#### 11:00 service

296 At the Cross

289 O Sacred Head Now Wounded  
Jesus Thank You

[This week's special music - Jesus Thank You \(Click here to listen\)](#)

*This hymn is one of Isaac Watts's best known texts, and was first published in Watts's Hymns and Spiritual Songs as "Godly Sorrow arising from the Sufferings of Christ" in 1707.*

The first two stanzas of this hymn address the same paradox that Paul wrote about in Romans:

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:7-8)

Isaac Watts shows the contrast very powerfully:

*"When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man, the creature's sin."*

The only appropriate response to the realization that such selfless sacrifice on the part of a perfect God was for the sake of the imperfect, selfish creatures we know ourselves to be is total surrender. We know we can never repay our debt of gratitude, so we sing:

*"Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'Tis all that I can do."*

### Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done,  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
and shut its glories in,  
when God, the mighty maker, died  
for his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.