

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

In the Father's Hand

TUNE: The Erie Canal, alt.

♩ = 92

A7 Dm Dm C Gm Bb Gm7 Bb A7

1. O Lamb of God, be - fore the world be - gan You
2. Your on - ly wis - dom and Your high - est joy: To
3. Your pain was scream - ing, but Your heart was still. Your

Dm Dm C Bb A7 Dm A7 Dm Dm C

laid Your life in the Fa - ther's hand. You emp - tied Your - self and be -
hear the sound of the Fa - ther's voice. Temp - ta - tion would call but You'd
on - ly goal was the Fa - ther's will. When death came to call on that

Gm Bb Gm7 Bb A7 Dm Dm C Bb A7 Dm A7

came a man To live and die in the Fa - ther's hand. You
make the choice: You tuned Your heart to the Fa - ther's voice. When
lone - ly hill, You gave Your - self to the Fa - ther's will. Your

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ERIE CANAL
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Dm Dm F Gm Gm7 A A7 Dm Dsus E Dm F

knew the price You'd have to pay, But faith was free - dom
cries of hate and death were stirred, Un - dy - ing love was
fi - nal words, Your dy - ing aim: To glo - ri - fy Your

Gm G#7 A A7 Dm Dm C

ev - 'ry day. We're trust - ing You, Lord, and we
all You heard. We're lis - ten - ing, too, and we
Fa - ther's name. We look to You there, and our

Gm Bb Gm7 Bb A7 Dm Dm C Bb A7

take our stand To live and die in the Fa - ther's
make the choice: To tune our hearts to the Fa - ther's
hearts are stilled. Our on - ly prayer is the Fa - ther's

1, 2 Dm Dm C Gm7 Bb A7 D.C. 3 Dm Dm C Bb Gm Dm

hand. voice. will.

TOPICS: Jesus' Suffering & Death; Consecration; Holiness; Life of Christ; Suffering for Christ

LEAD-IN: *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

From the Father's Hand

*Judas came to the grove,
guiding a detachment of soldiers and
some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees.
They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons.*

*Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and
struck the high priest's servant,
cutting off his right ear...
Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away!
Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"
(John 18:3, 10-11, NIV)*

Jesus had said so much about His relationship with His Father. But as He is arrested, tried, humiliated, tortured, and killed, what do we *see* in their relationship?

Jesus' relationship with His Father gave Him confidence, peace, and authority even in the most threatening circumstances. Here Jesus was the only one being arrested, tried, beaten, and put in mortal danger. But the high priests, the crowds, the disciples, Judas, Pilate—everyone around Jesus—were filled with turmoil, anxious maneuvering, scheming, and fear. All the while, Jesus remained calm and unresisting, never defending Himself. The victim was in control.

Jesus was completely submissive to His Father, even when it meant excruciating pain physically, emotionally, and spiritually. He even brushed aside any attempts to save Him that would have side-stepped the Father's will.

Jesus' cup was bitter, but it came from the Father's loving hand, so He drank it willingly. His relationship with the Father took Him through the worst that life can bring.