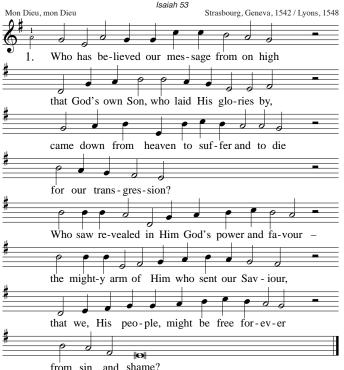
HYMN 25

Who Has Believed Our Message



See how He grew up like a tender plant and sprouted from a root in arid land.
 He had no form or beauty to command our adoration.
 He was despised and by mankind rejected – a man of sorrows, burdened and afflicted.
 His greatness was not noticed or respected:
 we shrank from Him.

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4. All we like wilful sheep have gone astray; we've turned, each one to his own wicked way. Thus God has charged Him by His death to pay for our offences. Our shame He suffered in complete submission; He held His tongue when we showed our derision, bore us no rancour for our lack of vision and wilful wrong.

- 5. He opened not His mouth when foes had come to lead Him to the slaughter like a lamb; He, like a sheep before its shearers dumb, heard His accusers.
 He was oppressed, but then the LORD relieved Him. Who of His generation then received Him as sent from God because mankind had grieved Him with all their sins?
- 6. With wicked men they Him a grave assigned, but then a rich man Him a tomb did find, since He had not been to deceit inclined, for He was blameless.

 It was God's will to grieve Him by oppression: He made His Son an offering for transgression. He, when at last He has fulfilled His mission, shall see His seed.
- 7. The fruit of all His suffering and pain shall He behold, contented with His gain: that men through His instruction may obtain His boundless mercy.

 Hence I, the Lord, reward Him for His passion and many shall I make His own possession: the ones for whom He made His intercession, for whom He died.