

March 2019



"Follow the Bells"

The Church Bell

The Season of Lent

by: Rev. C. Chapman

Each year before Easter you hear the word "Lent" around the church. In the bulletin there are Lenten Lunches posted, and perhaps the pastor talks about special Lent services, but what is Lent? In many churches it is just assumed that the people attending know what Lent is, but, once again, what is Lent? If you were asked to describe the season of Lent in the church to a new member what would you say? Hopefully this article will give you a brief overview of what lent is and why we celebrate this Christian Observance.

Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Irenaus of Lyons who lived from 130 A.D. to 200 A.D. wrote of Lent in the earliest days of the church. Lent, back then, looked quite different from today. Then it was only observed for two or three days, not the forty days that we observe today. It was, and still is, a purposeful time where Christians pause in the year and enter into self-examination and penitence, penitence being the act of acknowledging one's sin and mourning because of it and making effort to repent of one's sin. This, outwardly, takes place through the mode of fasting in preparation for Easter. Inwardly, when one goes without what they are fasting from, typically fish, meats, and regular meals, they replace those things with an added time of devotion, prayer, and self-examination.

In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicea discussed a forty-day Lent season of fasting which we still hold to today. Gregory the Great, in the 600's, moved Lent from the Quadragesima Sunday (Fortieth Sunday) to Wednesday. Today we call this Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday so called because on that day Christians take ash and mark the shape of the cross on their foreheads. Again, this points to one's sorrow because of their sin. In Biblical times the when one was in great distressed, or if one had done wrong, they would put ashes on their head as a sign of their shame.

So, today we observe Lent not as a celebration, but and observation to remember how we once were before Christ, in sin and separated from eternal life, and as we approach Easter Christ brings us together with the Father through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

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March 2019

Worship Leaders



March 3 Linda Swauger and John Molnar
 March 10 Carol Robinson and Linda Swauger
 March 17 Amy Popichak and Jeff Byler
 March 24 Amy Seger and Ronnie Miller

Deacons: Captain: Virginia Carr: 330-507-3313
 Chuck Chagnot, Sharon Polakoff, Katie Molnar,
 Linda Rogers, Carolyn Sparhawk

Deaconess: Linda Chagnot
 Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo
 Musical Director: Darlene Ball

Pastor Casey

is available Monday-Thursday
 from 8am-1pm

Need to see him? or speak to him ?
 call 330-637-4611 or 814-573-8148

Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!

March Coffee Fellowship



March 3 Pat and Chuck Culp
 March 10 Potato Bake
 March 17 Carol Glancy and Effie Welch
 March 24 Ruth Young and Linda Tucker
 March 31 Virginia Carr and
 Carolyn Sparhawk



February 2019 Financial Report

Month of February 1 - February 28, 2019

Offering Received	\$ 12,829.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 8,226.00</u>
Balance	\$ 4,603.00

Year to date — Jan 1 to February 28, 2019

Offering Received	\$ 24,882.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 21,621.00</u>
Balance	\$ 3,361.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

Mortgage Balance \$58,043.82

Happy Birthday

March 4	Carol Sparhawk
March 5	Carol Robinson
March 9	Mary Jo Johnson
March 9	Mackenzie Polakoff
March 9	Linda Rogers
March 17	Terry Lou Stevenson
March 18	Amy Seger
March 19	Virginia Carr
March 23	Bob Bradford
March 23	Keegan Bland



*Happy Birthday
And*

*Happy
Anniversary*

Happy Anniversary

March 20

Gerry and Kay Payne

Church Meetings

Tuesday, March 5

Financial Meeting

6:15pm

Board Meeting

7pm

Elders Meeting

Third Sunday of the month or
whenever it is called
8:00 am.



Friday — March 15 Saturday — March 16

Cortland Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Clean out your closets, cabinets, garage, basement, get rid of stuff you
don't use.

We need gently used items for this sale.

Bring them to the Education building March 6 - 13
so they can be priced and displayed.



L.O.A.F. Meeting

Thursday,
March 7th, 2019
10 AM

Church of the Nazarene

Looking for a volunteer or two,
to represent our church

The Schedule for our
Lenten Services is on the
back page of this Church
Bell.

Be sure to look it over.

Pastor has been hard at
work getting things ready
for you.





First Row, L-R Mary Jo Johnson, Jean Scott, Carolyn Sparhawk, Joyce Hall, and Karen Miller.

Second Row; L-R: Susan McCrimmon, Linda Chagnot, Linda Tucker, Diana Martin, Judene Ainsley, and Gail Peura.

Winter Hat Contest 2019

What a turnout, we always wish for more participants but this was a beautiful group of “young” ladies.

The most outstanding hat and winner of this contest was Linda Chagnot, with a Jimmy Buffet style hat including the parrot and dangling limes ready for the next “Margherita “. Mary Jo Johnson got honorable mention for her British style derby fascinator.

Jean Scott also got a honorable mention with her feathery designed wool floppy hat..



Our winner **Linda Chagnot** seated with her husband Chuck.



Check out Mary Jo 's hat.

Here she is sitting with her husband Bob.



Jean Scott, always looking stylish, in her hat of the day.

Colcannon —Irish Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 2 1/2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed | 1/2 cup milk |
| 4 slices bacon | salt and pepper to taste |
| 1/2 small head cabbage, chopped | 1/4 cup butter, melted |
| 1 large onion, chopped | |



Directions

- 1 Place potatoes in a saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender.
- 2 Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, reserving drippings, crumble and set aside. In the reserved drippings, saute the cabbage and onion until soft and translucent. Putting a lid on the pan helps the vegetables cook faster.
- 3 Drain the cooked potatoes, mash with milk and season with salt and pepper. Fold in the bacon, cabbage, and onions, then transfer the mixture to a large serving bowl. Make a well in the center, and pour in the melted butter. Serve immediately.



1. How many books are there in the Bible?
2. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
4. Which is the shortest book in the Bible?
5. Which is the longest book in the Bible?
6. Which is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
7. Which is the longest chapter in the Bible?
8. Which is the shortest verse in the Bible?
9. Which is the longest verse in the Bible?
10. Which chapter of which book has been calculated as being at the middle of the Bible?
11. Which is the first book in the Bible?
12. Which is the last book in the Bible?
13. Which is the first book in the New Testament?
14. Which is the last book in the Old Testament?
15. In what year was the Authorized Version of the Bible first produced?
16. Which English monarch was responsible for the Authorized Version of the Bible?
17. What are the first three words of the book of Genesis?
18. Which other book begins with the same three words?
19. In what language was most of the Old Testament originally written?
20. In what language was most of the New Testament written?

Bible Quiz!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

MARCH
2019

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Aerobics	1 	2. Aerobics
3. Sunday Service 10 am	4. Girl Scouts Aerobics	5. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board 7 pm	6. Meeting with SCOPE Ash Wednesday Joyful Noise	LOAF Nazarene Church 10 am. Aerobics	8.	9. Aerobics Breakfast With Friends 10am Four Star Rest.
10. Sunday Service 10 am Potato Bake	11.  Aerobics	12.	13  Joyful Noise	14.  Aerobics	15. Rummage Sale	16. Aerobics Rummage Sale 
17. Service 10am Elders Meeting? St. Patricks Day	18. Girl Scouts Aerobics	19. 	20. First Day of Spring S/S Prep Day 9am Lent Service Joyful Noise	21. Soup and Sandwich Aerobics	22.	23. Aerobics
24. Sunday Service 10 am 31. 	25. Aerobics	26.	27. Lent Service Joyful Noise	28. Aerobics	29.	30.

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a Christmas card
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know how much we care.

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista
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Cortland, Ohio
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Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab
Room 613
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Warren, Ohio 44483

Bob and Mary Jo Johnson
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Cortland, Ohio

Lauralee Lawrence

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Cortland, Ohio
44410

Kathy Miller

416 North High St
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Kathie Bates

Room 105
369 N. High Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410

St. Patrick's Day

Bet you didn't know this....There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.

St. Patrick's Day takes place each year on March 17, the traditional religious feast day of Saint Patrick.

Corned Beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.

Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.

Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations.

St Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States on March 17, 1776, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City.

More than 100 St. Patrick parades are held across the United States.

In the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day parade, participants march up 5th Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street. Each year, between 150,000 and 250,000 marchers take part in the parade, which does not allow automobiles or floats.



Irish Humor

A passer-by watched two Irishmen in a park. One was digging holes and the other was immediately filling them in again. 'Tell me,' said the passer-by, 'What on earth are you doing?' 'Well,' said the digger, 'Usually there are three of us. I dig, Fergal plants the tree and Sean fills in the hole. Today Fergal is away unwell, but that doesn't mean Sean and I can take the day off too, , does it?'

Father O' Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?' 'It is' 'This is the Inland Revenue Service, income tax department. Can you help us?' 'I can.' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' He is' 'Did he donate €10,000 to the church?' 'He will.'



"Brunch with Friends"

W.O.W

**Saturday, March 9th — 10 am
Four Star Restaurant**

As Always! Lots to talk about.

**Ladies — Come join us and find out what is
happening here at CCC.**

The Spring "TEA "

"Tulips and Teapots"

Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Invite your friends, neighbors, relatives or
anyone you would like to have come to
this wonderful event.**

**We have a speaker about teas, tea parties,
and teapots.**

A tasty luncheon is being planned.

**The Divine Inspirations will be performing
a concert called "At the Cross".**

**Call the office for tickets or see Joyce, or many of
the women of the church.**

Irish Family Tradition

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday.

On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's 18th birthday came around, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Paddy, stepped out of the boatand nearly drowned! Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Paddy went to see his grandmother .. "Grandma," he asked, "Tis me 18th birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like me father, his father and his father before him?"

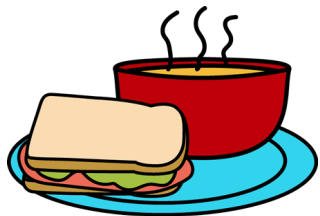
Granny looked deeply into Paddy's, troubled blue eyes and said, "Because ye father, ye grandfather and ye great-grandfather were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and ye were born in August, ya bloomin' idiot!"



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Soup and Sandwich

March 21 11am-1pm



Prep Day is March 20

You know what is necessary to
make this another successful
project.

Here are a few pictures of the
February Soup and Sandwich
finer moments.



Change your clocks on

March 10

Daylight Savings time—

Spring Forward

1 Hour

Crabby Road

Crabby Road

If you find a four leaf clover
it means you have entirely
too much time on your hands.



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“Women’s History”

The third month of 2019 is already here and with it brings Women’s History Month. Women through out the world have played vital roles for years that have often gone unnoticed. As there are many modern-day examples of women gaining rights and accomplishing great achievements in the 21st century, let us pause and turn through the pages of history to the biblical day.

Women have played major roles in the Bible and have been used greatly by God. Most notable is Mary, the mother of Jesus. In churches in every land she is celebrated. Esther was also another notable woman who saved her people from slaughter through her boldness, bravery, and faith. The woman I want to focus on though is not one often thought of. Her name is Deborah. Deborah was a prophetess and a Judge of Israel during 1360-1300 B.C. She was the only woman judge mentioned in the scriptures. The Bible tells of how people would go to her for judgement in Judges 4:5. The role that she played would be vital to Israel, especially during a period in history when the world looked down upon women in leadership roles.

God spoke to Deborah and had her convey a message to Barak, a leader and warrior. Barak, son of Abinoam, was God’s choice to deliver the Israelites from a time of oppression. He was to take and deploy 10,000 troops on Mount Tabor where God promised to deliver his enemy into his hands, but Barak was uncertain about this and turned to Deborah for help since she was judge and spokeswoman of God. He asked her to go with him. Perhaps it was because she would be a visible sign that God was with him. She agreed, but because of Barak’s hesitation to immediately go the Bible says in Judges 4:9 that the honor of victory would not be his but would go to a woman.

During the battle Barak and his army were victorious but the king of their enemy fled. He came upon the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. There, once the king was asleep, Jael won the final victory for Israel by slaying their enemy. A song was sung, known as Deborah’s Song, remembering and celebrating the victory giving great glory to Deborah and Jael for it says in Judges 5:24 “Jael is most blessed of women...”

In a time when the world looked down upon women, the Bible lifted them up. Time and time again the Bible elevates the woman. From Moses’ wife sparing him from the wrath of God, from Deborah and Jael who lead Israel and helped deliver them from oppression, from Ruth who pledge her faithfulness to God and became an ancestor of Jesus, from Esther who saved the Hebrews from slaughter, from Mary and Martha to Mary the mother of Jesus, and countless others, women have impacted Christianity and the world. Without their faithfulness, boldness, and steadfastness the world would look entirely different today.

So, let us celebrate. Let us celebrate God’s creation of women and His use of using women in a time when the world looked down upon them. How wonderful it is to know that God can speak through women as we have seen in His Word.

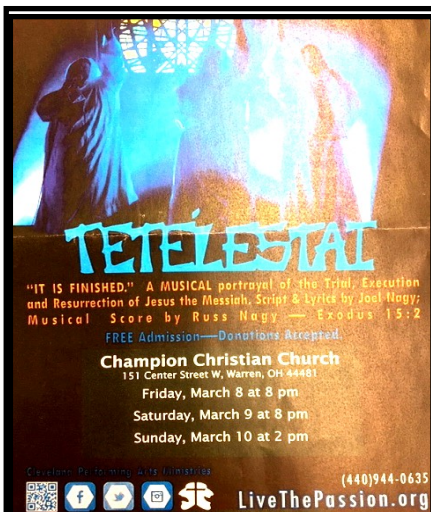


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**This may be a snapshot
taken by someone who was
day dreaming**

**Maybe..... we should look
up more often.**





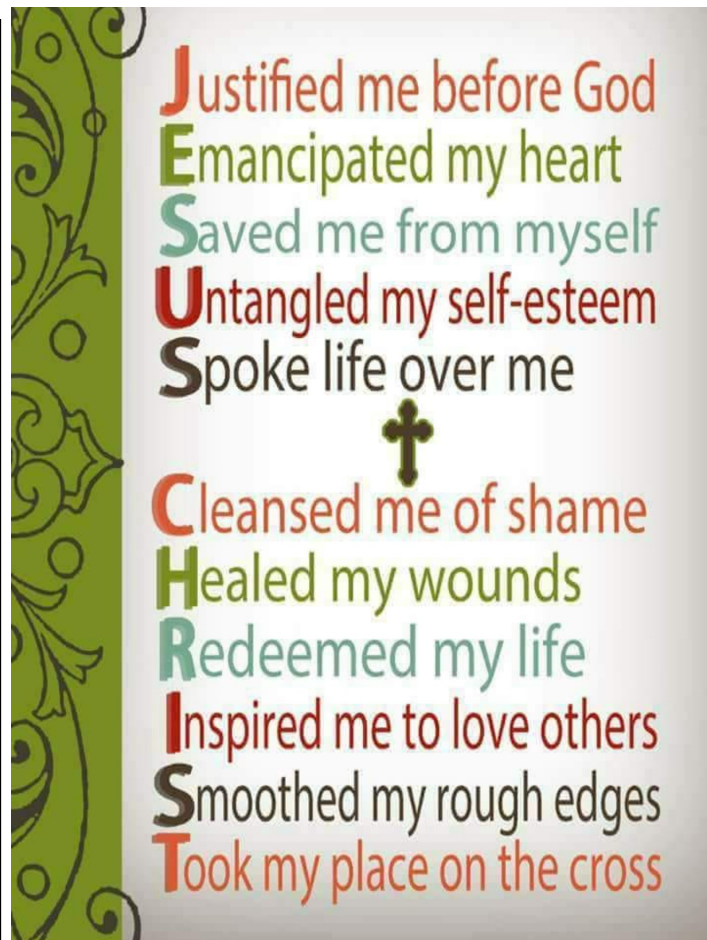
The long-running musical
passion play Tetelestai
will be coming to
**Campion Christian
Church**
on **March 8,9, and 10,**
2019.

The cast and crew of this
visually moving passion
play is excited to share
the Good News of Easter

with you.

Telelestai, brings the Gospel to life with a cast and crew of
over 100, full theatrical staging, sound and lighting,
costumes and live singing. See the passion reenacted
through Tetelestai (It is Finished)

Is a powerful and moving way to prepare for the holy
season of Easter. It has become a tradition for families
across northeastern Ohio Hope to see you there.



Answers to Bible Trivia

1. Sixty Six (66)
2. Thirty Nine (39)
3. Twenty Seven (27)
4. 2nd Epistle of John (by number of
verses: 13) 3rd Epistle of John (by
number of words)
5. Psalms (150 Chapters)
6. Psalm 117 (2 verses)
7. Psalm 119 (176 verses)
8. John 11 v 35 (2 words: "Jesus wept")
9. Esther 8 v 9 (78 words)
10. Psalm 118
11. Genesis
12. Revelation
13. Matthew
14. Malachi
15. 1611
16. King James
17. In the beginning
18. Gospel of John
19. Hebrew
20. Greek

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never
green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was
regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called
cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen
a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested
bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they
would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the
fifties ... was *elbows, hats and cell phones.*

Chili cook Off — Helping Hands Outreach Project



Here are the "Judges"
Linda Swauger, Spencer Chapman
and Chuck Corbet



Linda Chagnot announcing the winners.



There were many
pots of chili to be
judged

The Miller
families
know
how to
make
great
chili.



And the winner is "Nick Miller"
with his wife Rachel,
Addison, David and Nola.



Coming in a close sec-
ond was
Karen Miller.....



Pastor Casey and Isaiah were
among the many hungry who
enjoyed the chili, fresh salad,
and the many tasty desserts.

Oh, and we had hotdogs, Too.

What a **great** day this is....

The Season of Lent



Lenten Services At C.C.C.

Ash Wednesday March 6

“Blessed Are You” Mt. 5:1-11

Service is at 6:30pm

Lenten Service March 13

“Salt and Light” Mt.5:13-16

Soup - 6:00pm Service -6:30pm

Lenten Service March 20

“Prayer and Fasting” Mt.6: 5-18

Soup - 6:00pm Service -6:30pm

Lenten Service March 27

“Do Not Worry” Mt.6:25-34

Soup - 6:00pm Service -6:30pm

Lenten Service April 3

“Judge Not Quickly” Mt. 7:1-5

Soup - 6:00pm Service -6:30pm

Lenten Service April 10

“Build On Rock” Mt. 7:24-27

Soup - 6:00pm Service -6:30pm

Communion Will be Ministered.

April 18 Maundy Thursday Service

“The Last Supper” Mt.26:17-30

6pm-7pm

April 19 Good Friday

“The Seven Last Words of Christ” (Various)

Noon-1pm

April 21 Easter Sunday

“He Is Risen” Mt.28

10am-11am

Hope you all have a wonderful March and will plan on attending some or all of the Lenten services that Pastor Casey has planned for you.

He will be very busy these next few weeks, leading us to the cross.



Crabby Road

May the wind at your back
not be the result
of the corned beef and cabbage
you had for lunch.



Happy St.Patrick's Day

If Jesus Came to Visit

If Jesus came to your house
To spend some time with you,
If He came unexpected,
I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room
To such an honored guest
And all the food you'd give to Him
Would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him
You're glad to have Him there—
That serving Him in your home
Is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming,
Would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome
To your heavenly visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes
Before you let Him in
Or hide some magazines
And put the Bible where they'd been

Would you hide your worldly music
and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right
in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder – if the Saviour
spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing, the
things you always do?

Would you go right on saying, the
things you always say?
Or would life for you continue
as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you
everywhere you go?
Or would you maybe change your
plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him
meet your closest friends?
Or would you hope they stay away,
until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him
stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great
relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know,
the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person, to spend
some time with you.

I Took Your Place

One day, a man went to visit a church.
He arrived early, parked his car, and got
out. Another car pulled up near him, and the driver told him, "I always
park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat
down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's
my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by
this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat
down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I al-
ways sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said noth-
ing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among
them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change.

Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet.
Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What hap-
pened to you?" The visitor replied..."I took your place."

Author Unknown

His Love

Have you ever stopped to wonder
Why they called Good Friday "good"?
It seems to me that sad, black day
Could be misunderstood.

How His Father must have anguished
As He watched His dear Son die,
And not for crimes that He had done,
But for sinners such as I.

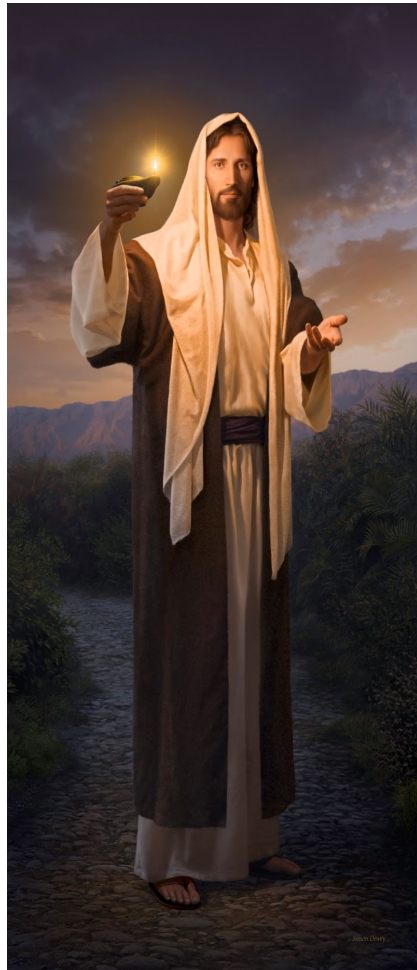
What kind of love could be so great,
To suffer willingly
The penalty for someone else;
His blood was shed for me.

But then when Sunday came around
And death had lost its sting,
That glorious morn' was victory
For Jesus Christ, the King!

Now He's alive for evermore.
The Father's will was done.
Forgiveness, pardon, full and free,
By trusting in God's Son.

It was a "good" Good Friday
For the thief who died there too;
He took his place in Heaven
When that long, dark day was
through.

I am grateful to my Saviour:
My life to Him I owe.
I'll serve and love Him always,
Because He loved me so.



by Rose Newman