



HYMN PREVIEW

How Deep the Father's Love

Note to Worship Planners: The text below may be used in email / social media communication with your congregation in advance of the service when the hymn is used. This "Hymn Highlights" series will strive to give a week's notice for hymns suggested in the Year C Planner available at [The Foundation](#). Some churches will sing this hymn on April 15.

"How Deep the Father's Love" (523) is a moving new hymn by Stuart Townend, one of the partners at Getty Music. It's been around since 1995 and thus is already familiar to some people.

Message:

This hymn is a near perfect fit for Good Friday, especially for the Isaiah reading (52:13-53:12). Several phrases of the hymn echo the reading.

- The Father turns his face away. / We considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders. / Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering
- But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom. / By his wounds we are healed.

Preview:

To become better acquainted with the music and the message of this hymn, and to help prepare yourself for worship this Good Friday, you're invited to listen to the hymn in advance. You can hear a choral version at the NPH website: <https://online.nph.net/how-deep-the-fathers-love-for-us.html>. Other versions are available on YouTube.