HE WAS WOUNDED

for S.A.B. voices, accompanied

Isaiah 53:3-5

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from Credo by ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678-1741) Arranged by HAL H. HOPSON













He Was Wounded is a Lenten anthem that is also appropriate for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14, Isaiah 53: 3-5, and John 1: 29-34. One basic homiletical theme is Jesus as God's Suffering Servant.

The primary motivic material for this contrapuntal anthem is derived from the singers' first four measures:



Motive 1 appears throughout the texture, either in rhythmic form or in the form of sequencing leaps, in m. 12-22 and 31-36, as well as in the baritone line in m. 23-30. Motive 2 is the basis for the duet between the upper two voices in m. 23-30. Highlight this formal activity in tehearsal by singing Motive 1 and its variants on "doo" and Motive 2 and its variants on "dee." Encourage the singers to become aware of the imitative partnership that makes this anthem so delightful to prepare and sing.

Antonio Vivaldi was an Italian composer and violinist who was one of the most famous virtuosi of his time. While his compositions include operas, cantatas motets, and various other forms, he is chiefly known for his violin concerti. Highly influential in style and technique, these works were widely studied throughout Italy and in Germany, where several of them were arranged for organ and for other instruments by Johann Sebastian Bach.

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