

ISAIAH

53

verse 2 "For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground"

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces.
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities,
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him smitten,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for
our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made
us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb who is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth,

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was off from the land of the living, stricken for
the transgression of my people. They made his grave with
the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had
done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous.

and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

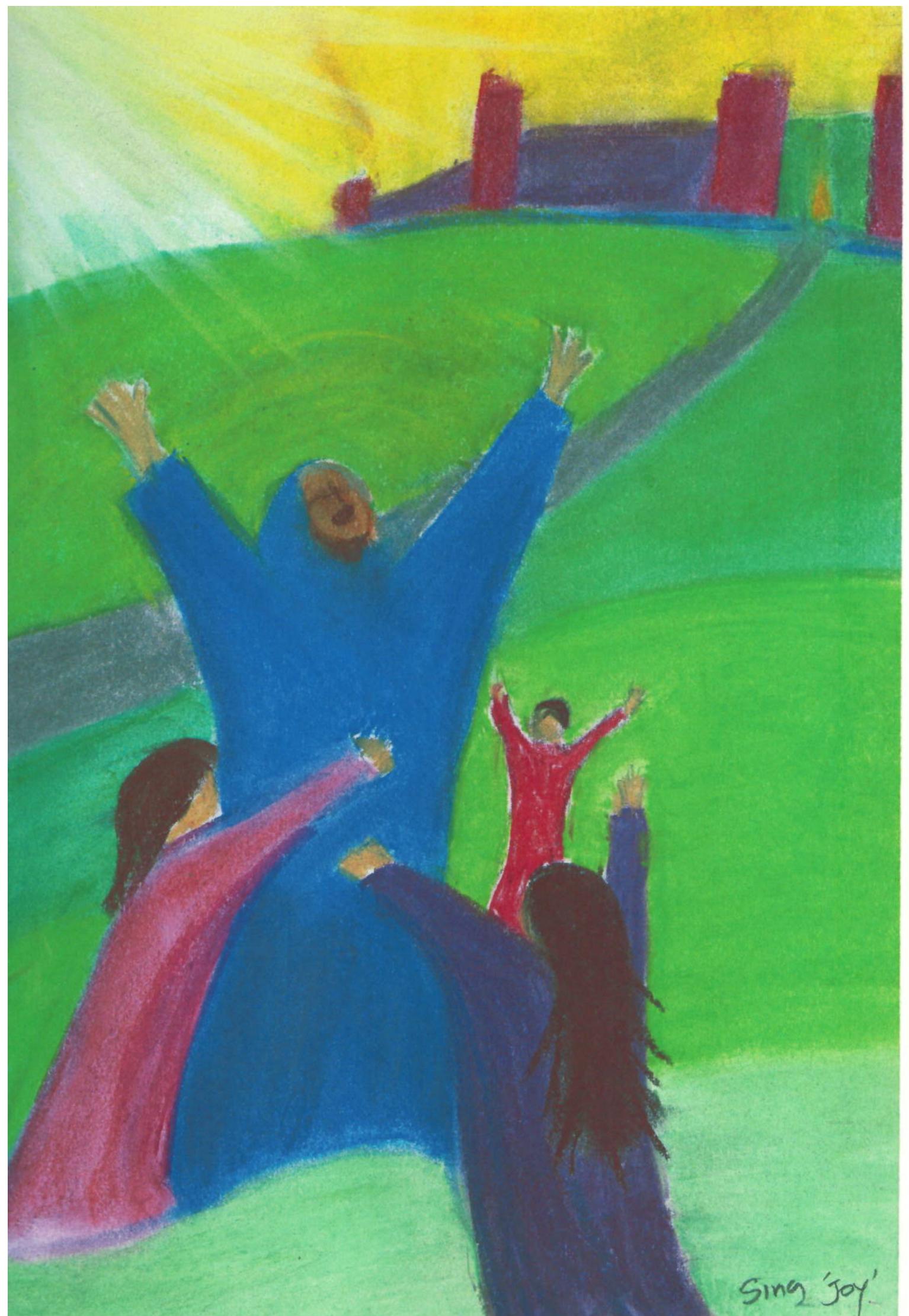
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many

and made intercession for the transgressors.



Sing 'Joy'

1. Sing, O barren one who did not bear;
burst into song and shout,
you who have not been in labour!
For the children of the desolate woman will
be more than children of her that is married,
says the Lord.

2. Enlarge the site of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitation
be stretched out;
do not hold back; Lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

3. For you will spread out to the right and to
the left, and your descendants will possess
the nations and will settle the desolate towns.

4. Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;
do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more.

5. FOR YOUR MAKER IS YOUR HUSBAND

THE LORD OF HOSTS IS HIS NAME.

The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer
the God of the whole earth he is called

⁶ For the Lord has called you

like a wife forsaken and grieved
in spirit

Like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,
says your God

⁷ For a brief moment I abandoned you,

⁸ but with great compassion I will gather you.

In overflowing wrath for a moment.

I hid my face from you.

but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you

⁹ says the LORD, your Redeemer.

This is like the days of Noah to me:

Just as I swore that the waters of Noah

would never again go over the earth,

so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you

and will not rebuke you.

¹⁰ For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord,
who has compassion on you.

¹¹ O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not
comforted,

I am about to set your stones in
antimony, and lay your foundations
with sapphires.

¹² I will make your heights of rubies & adorn your
gates with jewels & your walls of precious stones.

¹³ All your descendants will know the Lord & they will
all prosper.

¹⁴ In goodness you will live

You will not fear harm from worldly problems
for you will be unharmed by God's love

¹⁵ If anyone stirs up strife with you
it is not from me;
whoever stirs up strife with you
shall fall because of you.

16

See, it is I who have created the smith
who blows the fire of coals, and produces
a weapon that is ~~fashioned against you~~
fit for its purpose;

17

I have also created the ravager to destroy.
No weapon that is fashioned against you shall
prosper, and you shall confute every tongue
that rises against you in judgement.

This is the heritage of the servants of
the Lord, and their vindication from
me, says the Lord.



TSA 55
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1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

2. Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread, and your
labour for that which does not
satisfy?
3. Listen carefully to me, and eat what
is good, and delight yourselves in Rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live
I will make with you an everlasting covenant
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples
a leader and commander for the peoples
5. See, you shall call nations that you do not
know, and nations that you do not know

Shall turn away to you because of
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

6. Seek the Lord while he may be found

Call upon him while he is near

let the wicked forsake their way

and the unrighteous their thoughts

7. let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on

them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are ~~my~~ your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts are your thoughts.

10. For as the rain and the snow come down from

heaven, and do not return there until they have

watered the earth, making it bring forth and

sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12. For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst onto song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.



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ISA 56 Inclusion

1. Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

2. Happy is the mortal who does this,

the one who holds it fast,

who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.

3. Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say,

'The Lord will surely separate me from his people';

and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry
tree'.

4. For thus says the Lord:

To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,

Who choose the things that please me

and hold fast my covenant,

5. I will give, in my house and within my walls,

a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name

that shall never be cut off.

6

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath,
and do not profane it, and hold
fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy Mountain
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer; their burnt-offerings and their
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer for all peoples.

8

Thus says the Lord God

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them

besides those already gathered.

9

All you wild animals,

all you wild animals in the forest, come to devour!

10.

Israel's sentinels are blind, they ate all without

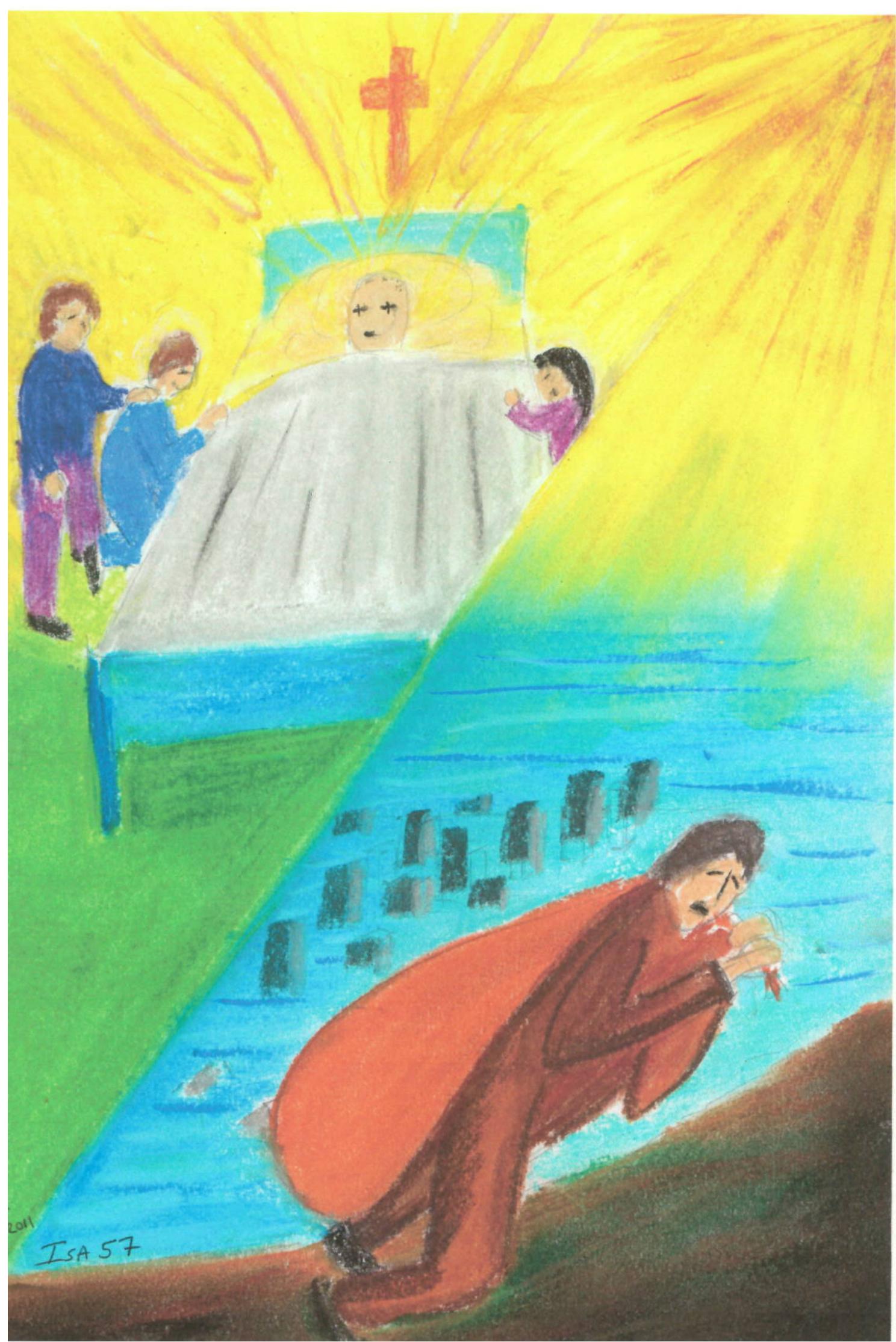
knowledge; they are all silent dogs that cannot bark;
dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 The dogs have a mighty appetite;
they never have enough.

The shepherds also have no understanding;
they have all turned to their own way,
to their own gain, one and all.

12. Come, they say, 'let us get wine;
let us fill ourselves with strong drink.'

And tomorrow will be like to-day,
great beyond measure.'



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