

Opening Hymn #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou are our salvation Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise to you, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Offertory Hymn #40 O Spirit of the Living God

*O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of your grace,
wherever human feet have trod,
descend upon our rebellious race.*

*Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above
where'er the joyful sound is heard.*

*Be darkness at thy coming, light;
confusion, order in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might;
bid mercy triumph over wrath!*

*O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.*

*Baptize the nations; far and nigh
the triumphs of the cross record;
the name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call him Lord!*

Communion Hymn #156 *The People That in Darkness Sat*

*The people who in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.*

*To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
their joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.*

*For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
As in the day when Midian fell
Before the sword of God.*

*For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.*

*His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.*

*Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father every art
and Holy Spirit one.*

Closing Hymn #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.*

*He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.*

*Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.*

*O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious.
all-blessing and all-best.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forerver;
that name to us is Love.*