

The Hymnal 1982 - #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein klens Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

- 1 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.
- 2 He comes with succor speedy  
 to those who suffer wrong,  
 to help the poor and needy,  
 and bid the weak be strong;  
 to give them songs for sighing,  
 their darkness turn to light,  
 whose souls, condemned and dying,  
 were precious in his sight.
- 3 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.
- 4 Kings shall bow 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.  
5 O'er every foe victorious,  
    he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
    all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
    his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
    his changeless Name of Love.

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