

The Hymnal 1982 - #359 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's
 2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man
 3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy
 *4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn
 2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make
 3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in
 4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or
 5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.
 2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.
 3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.
 4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.
 5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

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- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!
 Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast:
 each age for thine own solemn task prepares,
 make each one stronger, nobler than the last.
- 2 Anoint them prophets! Teach them thine intent:
 to human need their quickened hearts awake;

- fill them with power, their lips make eloquent
for righteousness that shall all evil break.
- 3 Anoint them priests! help them to intercede
with all thy royal priesthood born of grace;
through them thy Church presents in word and deed
Christ's one true sacrifice with thankful praise.
- 4 Anoint them kings! Yea, kingly kings, O Lord!
Anoint them with the Spirit of thy Son:
theirs not a monarch's crown or tyrant's sword;
theirs by the love of Christ a kingdom won.
- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of thy cross;
forth may they go to tell all realms thy grace:
inspired of thee, may they count all but loss,
and stand at last with joy before thy face.

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