

The Hymnal 1982 - #497 How bright appears the Morning Star

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

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- 1 How bright appears the Morning Star,
 with mercy beaming from afar;
 the host of heaven rejoices;
 O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
 Thou Son of Man and Son of God!
 We, too, will lift our voices:
 Jesus, Jesus!
 Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
 draw thou near us;
 great Emmanuel, come and hear us.
- 2 Though circled by the hosts on high,
 he deigned to cast a pitying eye
 upon his helpless creature;
 the whole creation's Head and Lord,
 by highest seraphim adored,
 assumed our very nature;
 Jesus, grant us,
 through thy merit, to inherit
 thy salvation;
 hear, O hear our supplication.
- 3 Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;
 with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,

for this his Incarnation.
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.

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