

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - ered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1

1. O bless the Lord, my soul; let all with - in me join,
2. O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie
3. 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain,
4. He crowns your life with love when ran - somed from the grave;

and aid my tongue to bless his name, whose fa - vors are di - vine.
for - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness, and with - out prais - es die.
'tis he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.
he that re - deemed my soul from hell has sov - ereign pow'r to save.

5. He fills the poor with good;
he gives the suff'ers rest:
the Lord has judgments for the proud
and justice for th'oppressed.

6. His wondrous works and ways
he made by Moses known,
but sent the world his truth and grace
by his beloved Son.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Jordanis oras praevia, by Charles Coffin, 1736;
tr. composite, based on J. Chandler, 1837

Later form (1847) of melody in
Musicalisches Handbuch (Hamburg, 1690)

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1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc-es that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry Chris-tian breast, and fur - nished for so great a guest!
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge and our great re - ward;
4. To heal the sick, stretch out thy hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free,



1. come then and heark-en, for he brings glad tid - ings from the King of kings!
2. Yea, let us each our hearts pre-pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
3. once more up - on thy peo - ple shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
4. shine forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love-li - ness once more.
5. whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.



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