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# Comfort, Comfort O My People

*Isa. 40:1-8*

*Johannes Olearius, 1671*

*Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.*

1 "Com - fort, com - fort O my peo - ple, tell of peace," thus says our God;  
2 For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er pla - ces plain!

Com - fort those whose hearts are shroud - ed, mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
Bid - ding us to make re - pen - tance since the realm of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, for Mes - si - ah's ho - ly reign.

Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
For God's glo - ry ev - er - more shall be known o'er all the world;

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver.  
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
And all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

# O Day of God, Draw Near

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*R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.*

*Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15*

1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,  
4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,  
5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;

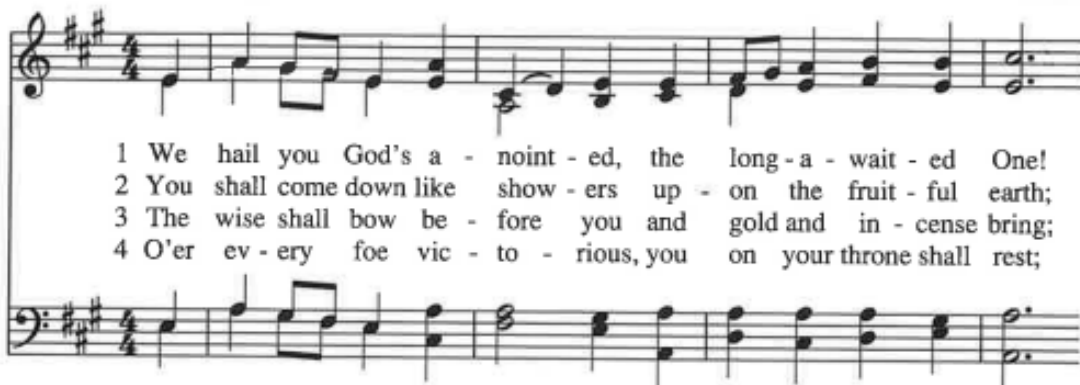
Come with your time-less judg-ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
The qui - et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

# We Hail You God's Anointed

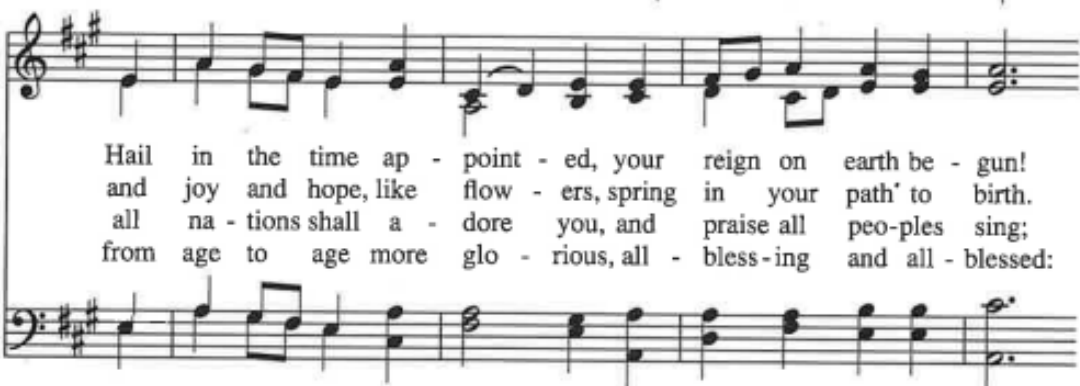
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James Montgomery, 1821; alt.

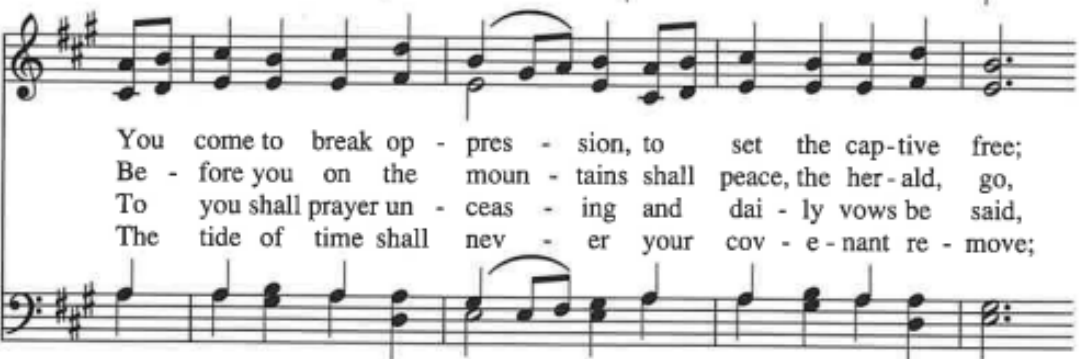
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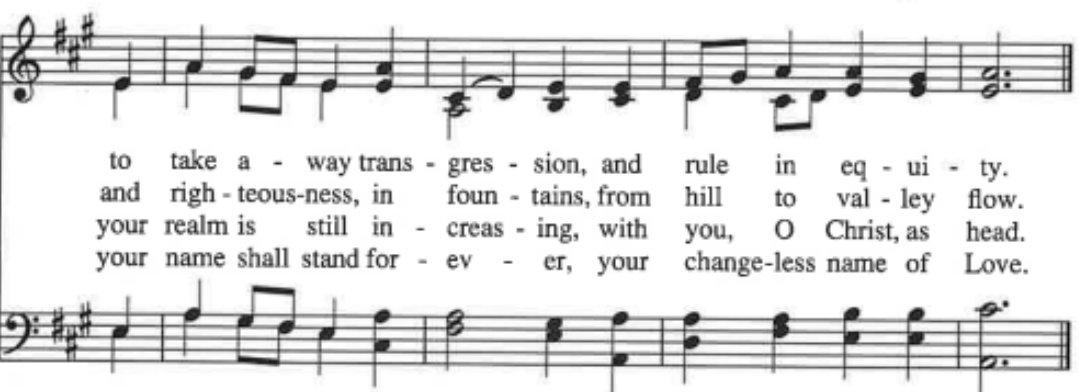
1 We hail you God's a - noint - ed, the long - a - wait - ed One!  
2 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
3 The wise shall bow be - fore you and gold and in - cense bring;  
4 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, you on your throne shall rest;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
and joy and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path' to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore you, and praise all peo - ples sing;  
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed:



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows be said,  
The tide of time shall nev - er your cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.  
your realm is still in - creas - ing, with you, O Christ, as head.  
your name shall stand for - ev - er, your change - less name of Love.