Praise we the Lord this day Hymnal 1982 no. 267 Melody: St George S.M.

British spelling



Praise we the Lord this day,

this day so long foretold,

whose promise shone with cheering ray

on waiting saints of old.

The prophet gave the sign

for faithful folk to read:

a virgin born of David’s line

shall bear the promised seed.

Ask not how this should be,

but worship and adore,

like her whom heaven’s Majesty

came down to shadow o’er.

She meekly bowed her head

to hear the gracious word,

Mary, the pure and lowly maid,

the favoured of the Lord.

Most blest shall be her name

in all the Church on earth,

through whom that wondrous mercy came,

th’ incarnate Saviour’s birth.

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