Hail to the Lord’s Anointed Hymnal 1982 no. 616

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Words from AMNS



Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,

great David’s greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed,

his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,

to set the captive free,

to take away transgression,

and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy

to those who suffer wrong;

to help the poor and needy,

and bid the weak be strong;

to give them songs for sighing,

their darkness turn to light,

whose souls, condemned and dying,

were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers

upon the fruitful earth,

and love, joy, hope, like flowers,

spring in his path to birth:

before him on the mountains

shall peace, the herald, go;

and righteousness in fountains

from hill to valley flow.

Arabia’s desert-ranger

to him shall bow the knee;

the Ethiopian stranger

his glory come to see;

with offerings of devotion

ships from the isles shall meet,

to pour the wealth of ocean

in tribute at his feet.

Kings shall bow down before him,

and gold and incense bring;

all nations shall adore him,

his praise all people sing:

to him shall prayer unceasing

and daily vows ascend;

his kingdom still increasing,

a kingdom without end.

O’er every foe victorious,

he on his throne shall rest;

from age to age more glorious,

all-blessing and all-blest:

the tide of time shall never

his covenant remove;

his name shall stand for ever,

his changeless name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: German folk song, adaptation and harmony from *A Student’s Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)