

7. ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

ST. THEODULPH (151 G), hymn 147

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.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

TRURO, hymn 63

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| Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here. | So come, my Sovereign, enter in; let new and nobler life begin; the Holy Spirit guide us on, until our glorious goal is won. |
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Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS FOR MORAVIAN WORSHIP

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Here the Hosanna, hymn 52, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

Capo 1: A D A F#m E7 A

Praise to you, O Lord, we ren-der for your love in Je-sus shown;

A F#m C#7 F#m E B7 E

may that love, so strong and ten-der, bind us fast to him a-lone.

E A D Bm F#m A E7 A

Now and ev-er, now and ev-er, gath-er us a - mong your own.