Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed! Great David's greater Son!
2 He comes with rescue speed-y to those who suffer wrong,
3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,

Hail, in the time ap-pointed, his reign on earth begun!
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
before him on the mountains shall Peace, the herald, go;

to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
and righteous-ness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

TEXT: James Montgomery (1821), alt.
TUNE: Gesangbuch der Herzog, Wurttemberg (1784)

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