# Hail to the Lord’s Anointed 263

1. 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.
2. He comes with rescue 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.
3. 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.

TEXT: James Montgomery (1821), alt.

TUNE: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, WŸrttemberg (1784)

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