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1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
   who has truly kept his word  
   and at last to us did send  
   Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
2. What the fathers most desired,  
   what the prophet's heart inspired,  
   what they longed for many a year,  
   stands fulfilled in glory here.
3. Welcome, O my Savior, now!  
   Joyful, Lord, to you I bow.  
   Come into my heart, I pray;  
   O, prepare yourself a way!
4. As your coming was in peace,  
   quiet, full of gentleness,  
   let the same mind dwell in me  
   which is yours eternally.
5. Then when you will come again  
   as the glorious king to reign,  
   I with joy will see your face,  
   freely ransomed by your grace.

TEXT: Heinrich Held (1659). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

TUNE: John Antes (1796). Arr. John B. Wilkes (1861)

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