

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings!

**2. Then cleansed be every breast
from sin:**

make straight the way for God
within,
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty guest may
come.

**3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.**

Without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

**4. To heal the sick stretch out
thine hand,**

And bid the fallen sinner stand,
shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once
more.

**5. All praise eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

**1. The Lord will come and not be
slow,**

His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

**2. Truth from the earth, like to a
flower,**

Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly
bower,
Look down on mortal men.

**3. Rise, God, judge thou the Earth
in might,**

This wicked Earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

**3. The nations, all whom thou hast
made,**

Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

**5. For great thou art, and wonders
great**

By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

**1. The kingdom of God is justice
and joy;**

For Jesus restores what sin would
destroy.

God's power and glory in Jesus we
know;

And here and hereafter the
kingdom shall grow.

**2. The kingdom of God is mercy
and grace;**

The captives are freed, the sinners

find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's
banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of
despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge
and choice:

Believe the good news, repent and
rejoice!

His love for us sinners brought

Christ to his cross:

Our crisis of judgement for gain or
for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift
and the goal;

In Jesus begun, in heaven made
whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall
answer his call;

And all things cry "Glory!" to God all
in all.

1. Long Ago, Prophets Knew

Christ Would Come, Born A Jew,
Come To Make All Things New;
Bear His People's Burden,
Freely Love And Pardon.

Ring, Bells, Ring, Ring, Ring!

Sing, Choirs, Sing, Sing, Sing!

When He Comes,

When He Comes,

Who Will Make Him Welcome?

2. God In Time, God In Man,
This Is God's Timeless Plan:
He Will Come, As A Man,
Born Himself Of Woman,
God divinely human:

Ring, Bells, Ring, Ring, Ring!

Sing, Choirs, Sing, Sing, Sing!

When He Comes,

When He Comes,

Who Will Make Him Welcome?

3. Mary Hail! Though Afraid,
She Believed, She Obeyed.

In Her Womb, God Is Laid:

Till The Time Expected,

Nurtured And Protected,

Ring, Bells, Ring, Ring, Ring!

Sing, Choirs, Sing, Sing, Sing!

When He Comes,

When He Comes,

Who Will Make Him Welcome?

4. Journey Ends! Where Afar
Bethl'em Shines, Like A Star,
Stable Door Stands Ajar.

Unborn Son of Mary,

Saviour, Do Not Tarry!

Ring, Bells, Ring, Ring, Ring!

Sing, Choirs, Sing, Sing, Sing!

Jesus Comes,

Jesus Comes,

We Will Make Him Welcome?