

Morning Has Broken

TiS 156. Tune: Bunessan

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965

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On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

TiS 270 Tune: Winchester New

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every heart 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 you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749

tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.

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Praise with joy the world's Creator

TiS 179. Tune: Praise My Soul

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless of both fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence --
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure --
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
One God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe,
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

John L. Bell b1949

Graham Maule b1958

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Let us with a Gladsome Mind

TiS 83. Tune: Monkland.

1. Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord for He is kind:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*
2. Let us blaze His name abroad,
for of gods He is the God:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*
3. He, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*
4. All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*
5. He His chosen race did bless
in the wasteful wilderness:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*
6. Let us then with gladsome mind
Praise the Lord for He is kind:
*for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful ever sure.*

John Milton 1608-74 alt.

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