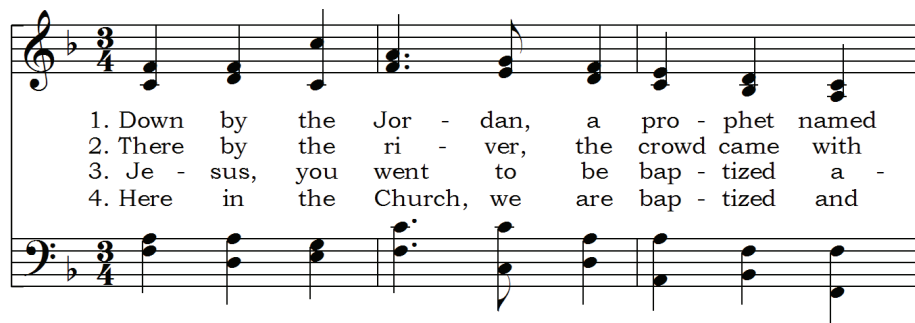



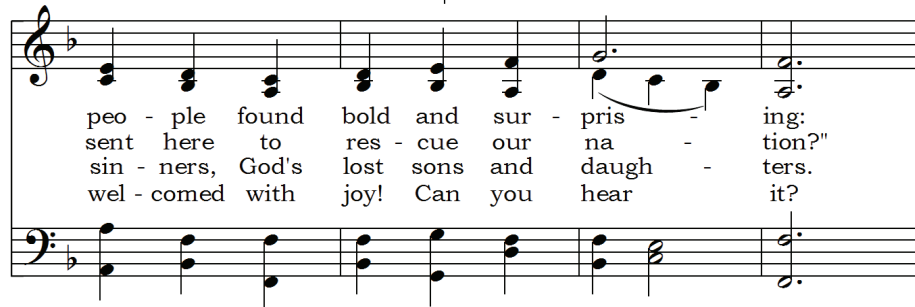
DOWN BY THE JORDAN



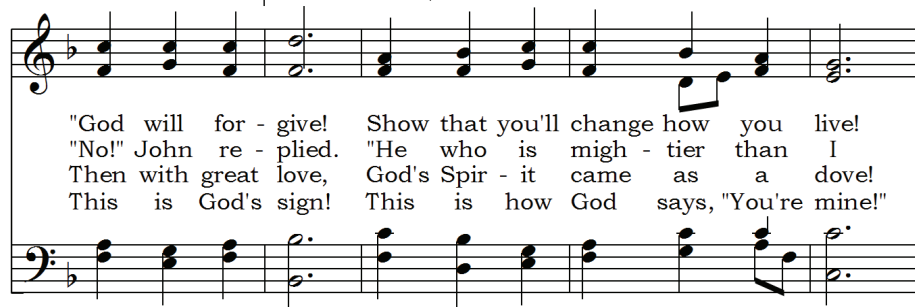
1. Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named
2. There by the ri - ver, the crowd came with
3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a -
4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and



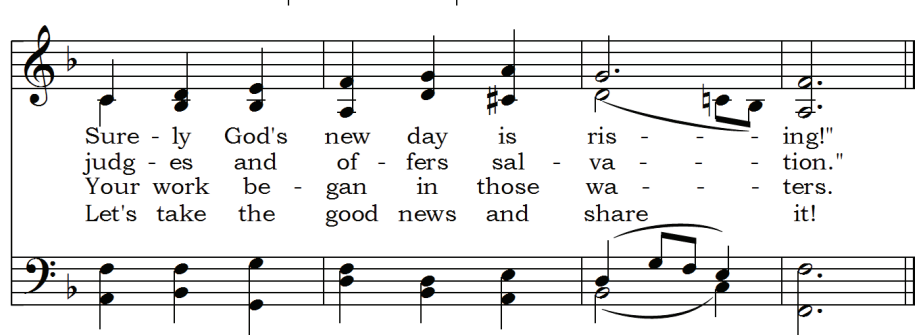
John was bap - ti - zing, preach - ing a mes - sage the
great ex - pec - ta - tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One,
long with the oth - ers, tak - ing your place a - mong
filled with God's Spir - it. Freed and for - giv - en, we're



peo - ple found bold and sur - pris - ing:
sent here to res - cue our na - tion?"
sin - ners, God's lost sons and daugh - ters.
wel - comed with joy! Can you hear it?



"God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you live!
"No!" John re - plied. "He who is migh - tier than I
Then with great love, God's Spir - it came as a dove!
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"



Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"
judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."
Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.
Let's take the good news and share it!

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REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

And so I ask you,
will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?
**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets
to the powers that be?
**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news
and live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
his body on earth?
**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel,
individually and together,
wherever you are and in all that you do?
**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures
of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust in God,
in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die.

Your justice never fails.

Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the waters,

we redirect the winds of the Spirit,

or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream

that we do not hear its sound,

and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Pour out your Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Pour out upon these waters.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever.

Amen!

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to



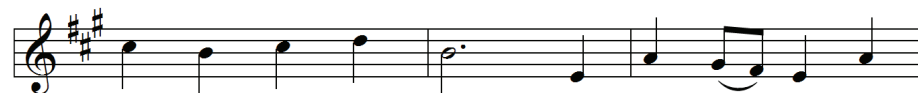
be bap - tized by John, he did not come for
ut - most woe and loss, for us and our sal -
keep the vows we make; this ver - y day in -



par - don but as the sin - less one.
va - tion to die up - on the cross.
vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pent - ance with
So when the dove de - scend - ed on
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the



all who mourn their sins, to speak the vi - tal
him, the Son of Man, the hid - den years had
gift we cov - et most: to share the res - ur -



sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
end - ded, the age of grace be - gan.
rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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