

On Jordan's bank the cry rings clear

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1. On Jordan's bank the cry rings clear,
announcing that the Lord is near,
awake and hear: the prophet brings
glad news from God, the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare in all our hearts a home,
where such a holy guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and call each fallen soul to stand;
shine out and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise to Christ forever be,
whose advent sets our spirits free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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