

149 All Hail to God's Anointed

(Psalm 72)



- 1 All hail to God's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!
- 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.



All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
Be - fore you on the moun-tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.
and righ-teous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with-out end.



Originally a celebration of God's sovereignty, Psalm 72 has often been given a Christological interpretation, notably in Isaac Watts's "Jesus Shall Reign" (see no. 265). The references to rulers here probably influenced the view that the Magi of Matthew 2 were kings (see no. 151).